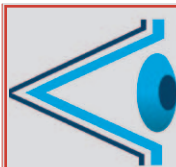


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A return
to indoor
dining

Business leaders,
restaurant owners
conflicted over
25% capacity limit

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

The state's decision to partially reopen indoor dining starting Feb. 1 was met with mixed reactions in Southwest Michigan. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Friday that the new epidemic order will allow for indoor dining at bars and restaurants with added requirements – the more prominent of which include a 25 percent capacity limit and a closing time of 10 p.m.

Arthur Havlicek, president and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said the announcement comes as a sense of both relief and frustration.

"It's overdue, but a welcome sight that businesses will have a chance to safely reopen," he said Friday. "Restrictions were to be expected and, honestly, the industry welcomes these restrictions because they want to be safe operators."

However, Havlicek said the restrictions have been referred to as "punitive" and "insufficient" in his conversations with business owners.

"If that's what the state is comfortable with, that's fine," he said. "What we all want to see is some kind of timetable based on data, to see when they can go from 25 (percent) to 50 to 75 and eventually to 100. That alone will bring the industry back by infusing some certainty into the marketplace."

Michigan restaurants were allowed to open at 50 percent capacity in the summer and had no curfew. However, indoor dining has been closed in Michigan since Nov. 18, as the number of COVID-19 cases skyrocketed across the state.

The revised health order that begins next month runs until Feb. 21, when the state will reevaluate the restrictions.

Havlicek said future health orders need to be tied to data so business owners can watch the numbers and plan ahead.

A tough decision

While bars and restaurants are able to permit indoor dining again, some owners are hesitant to do so at only 25 percent capacity.

A recent Michigan Licensed Beverage Association survey revealed about that two-thirds of bars and restaurants would be willing to reopen if capacity limits were set at 25 percent.

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Miguel Clark of Benton Harbor works in the trim room at NOBO Michigan, located in Benton Harbor.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

A slow rollout

BH is playing catch-up when it comes to retail sales of marijuana

By **LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners gave the green light to medical marijuana facilities in December 2017 and to recreational marijuana businesses last July.

Yet to date there is only one marijuana business in the city, and none yet with a retail operation. Meanwhile, recreational marijuana dispensaries have been popping up in several other Southwest Michigan communities since last January. Voters in November 2018 legalized recreational sales in the state, and then it took Michigan just over a year to get its regulatory system in place by the end of 2019.

NOBO Michigan opened its Benton Harbor facility last September. NOBO operates a facility where it grows medical marijuana, and another where it processes marijuana into products that can be sold to the public, such as marijuana-infused gummy bears. Both facilities are at 900 Alreco Road.

Why the delay?

Some city commissioners point to the planning commission, which needed to amend the city's zoning ordinances to designate where the marijuana businesses could be located. That recommendation then had to be approved by the city commission before applications could be accepted.



Marijuana plants mature in a flower room at NOBO Michigan's Benton Harbor facility.

Planning commissioners took four months to approve a zoning amendment for medical marijuana facilities, which happened in April 2018. For recreational marijuana, planning commissioners didn't approve a zoning amendment until this Jan. 5 – almost six months after city commissioners had signed off on the ordinance.

In both cases, city commissioners approved the zoning amendments at their next regular meeting less than a month later.

City commissioners approved the recreational marijuana zoning amend-

ments on Tuesday. By state law, the applications can't be made available for at least 10 days after approval.

With ordinances in place, applicants will now have to go through the planning commission to obtain a recommendation for a special use permit for city commissioners to consider for approval.

"We have to find a way to streamline the process," Commissioner Ron Singleton said this week. "It dragged on longer than it should."

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NOBO eyes
expansion
within
the city

By **LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Opening new marijuana businesses in Benton Harbor has become a passion project for Alan Bonsett, CEO of NOBO Michigan.

"We thought there was an opportunity here to do good in the community. That's why we chose Benton Harbor," said Alan Bonsett, who is also CEO of NOBO Inc., which is based in Colorado.

Bonsett said he's been investing not only money, but time in the city.

For the past few months Bonsett has been traveling to Benton Harbor every other week to oversee the opening and operations of the facilities at 900 Alreco Road. He said his family, which includes two young children, will join him this summer in a loft apartment in the Benton Harbor Arts District.

"I see a lot of opportunity here," he said.

In September, NOBO Michigan opened a facility to grow medical marijuana, plus another to process it into marijuana-infused edible products.

The facilities are at the old Harbor Light Metals location, a former aluminum smelting plant.

"We took the worst, most toxic piece of property that wasn't on the tax rolls and turned it into a world-class cannabis cultivation site," he said, adding that they've invested \$8 million in the facility so far. "It's been a huge win for the city to get that property back up and running."

By May, NOBO Michigan hopes to open a retail store at 107 Water St., first selling medical marijuana, and later adding recreational marijuana.

"We like this spot," he said while looking out the front window of the store at the corner of Water and Main streets. "It's in the Arts District, which is being revitalized. We want to help spur business in this community."

See **NOBO**, page A2

Volunteers sought to help with vaccinations

Infections remain at manageable plateau

By **ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

Berrien County health officials announced Friday they are ready to start recruiting volunteers to help with COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Volunteers will help with upcoming clinics and/or support vaccine distribution efforts. Both clinical and non-clinical roles are available and prior health care ex-

perience is not necessary for all roles.

Non-clinical volunteers may be asked to assist with scheduling, check people in, screen people as they arrive, assist with signing consents, or provide wayfinding. Clinical volunteers may be asked to administer the vaccination, scribe, or observe people post vaccination.

Volunteers may be contacted by either the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) or Spectrum Health Lakeland, depending on current volunteer needs.

Volunteer shift times are

flexible, but volunteers should be able to commit to at least 20 hours of service per month with a minimum of a three-hour shifts, though four- to six-hour shifts are preferred. Some volunteer shifts may take place outdoors and/or require standing for extended periods of time.

All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, may be subject to a background check and will be required to complete additional documentation and training prior to volunteering.

For more information, and the volunteer sign-up form,

visit bchdmi.org/COVID19, or spectrumhealthlakeland.org/COVID19.

Completing the form does not guarantee a volunteer role, nor is it an application for employment.

Vaccine update

From last Thursday to this Thursday, Berrien County had administered an additional 3,424 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, according to state data.

BCHD officials have said the state data paints a rough, but not complete, picture of COVID-19 vaccination ef-

forts at the local level.

As of Thursday, the state had reported that 7,961 doses of vaccine had been administered in Berrien County, with about 722 of those being second doses.

From Thursday to Thursday, Cass County gave about 323 doses and Van Buren County gave about 1,294 doses. In total, according to the state, Cass County has given 917 doses of the vaccine and Van Buren County has given about 3,976 doses, as of Thursday.

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ROLLOUT

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Commissioner MaryAlice Adams said some people on the planning commission and city staff have been dragging their feet behind the scenes because they don't want marijuana businesses in the city.

"I've been very frustrated," she said. "It shouldn't have taken this long."

Planning commissioners have said they had to take their time because marijuana businesses being allowed in the state is new and they wanted to make certain that they did it right.

But Commissioner Jerry Edwards said it still took too long.

In August, he asked planners why they weren't working faster to approve a zoning ordinance to go with the recreational marijuana ordinance city commissioners had passed.

He points to the recreational marijuana shops already open in the region, such as those in Niles and Bangor.

"I don't think it's that difficult for us to come up with an ordinance," he said. "It can't be if everybody is beating us."

Singleton said more businesses opening in the city, including marijuana businesses, are needed to help the city grow.

"I'm ready to see some doors open," he said.

He said it would boost the city's economy in several ways, including providing jobs to city residents and more tax revenue to the city.

City bureaucracy isn't the only issue slowing down the process.

Last March, commissioners interviewed 11 applicants for four available medical marijuana provisioning center licenses,

"I don't think it's that difficult for us to come up with an ordinance. It can't be if everybody is beating us."

JERRY EDWARDS
City Commissioner

where the product can be sold to people who possess medical marijuana cards.

Using a scoring system, commissioners chose Greenstone Wellness, The Harvest Group, Justice Grown and Redbud Roots to receive provisional licenses.

At the time, commissioners were hoping that the four retail businesses could be open by the end of 2020.

But that didn't happen.

When contacted by phone, several of the business representatives said that the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down the process.

Former NFL running back Joique Bell, from The Harvest Group, said he is hoping to close on the building at 218 Water St. next week after a couple of potential investors look it over.

"Once everything is finalized, you will see a lot of activity," he said. "It's very exciting. It's been a long time coming."

He said the goal is to open in June.

Alexander Leonowicz from Redbud Roots said the target is to open his business at 241 E. Main St. to sell medical marijuana in April.

"In a perfect world, we'd be open already, but COVID caused significant delays," he said.

Leonowicz also said they hope to add recreational marijuana sales by June.

He explained that it doesn't make business sense now to sell only medical marijuana. With recreational marijuana now legal, fewer people



Redbud Roots Lab VII has been approved to receive a medical marijuana license for a retail store at 241 Main St. in downtown Benton Harbor.



Justice Grown has been OK'd for its medical marijuana license, to operate a retail store at 200 E. Main St. in downtown Benton Harbor.

will be renewing their medical marijuana cards, he explained.

Last June city commissioners approved automatically granting licenses on Dec. 3 to two additional businesses that want to open medical marijuana retail stores in the city. The only one to express an interest in doing so was NOBO Michigan, which plans to open a retail store at 107 Water St.

Businesses that already have a medical marijuana retail license are expected to be first in line for recreational retail licenses.

The city's ordinance states

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff



Greenstone Wellness has received its medical marijuana license to run a retail store at 90 E. Main St. in downtown Benton Harbor.



The Harvest Group has been approved for a medical marijuana license to run a retail store at 218 Water St. in downtown Benton Harbor.



NOBO Michigan plans to open a distribution site at 107 Water St. in downtown Benton Harbor.

that no more than six marijuana retailers can be authorized in the city.

If six marijuana retailers at separate locations are already authorized under the city's medical marijuana ordinance, it states that no marijuana retailers may be authorized under the recreational ordinance, unless they are co-located within the existing retail facilities.

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LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto

AC-AH-7C-9H-10S

Midday Daily 3

2-2-3

Midday Daily 4

7-0-6-0

Daily 3

8-8-4

Daily 4

8-8-6-1

Fantasy 5

04-07-27-36-39

Keno

08-10-13-14-17-18-23-

24-26-29-34-40-45-

47-49-55-64-66-67-70-

72-74

Mega Millions jackpot

\$970 million

Powerball jackpot

\$20 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5

06-17-31-32-44

Estimated jackpot

\$383,500

Cash4Life

13-16-36-38-53, Cash

Ball: 4

Quick Draw Midday

09-18-19-21-30-34-

35-36-37-41-43-50-60-

63-65-66-67-71-79-80,

BE: 36

Daily Three-Midday

6-0-7, SB: 1

Daily Three-Evening

6-5-6, SB: 8

Daily Four-Midday

3-8-3-7, SB: 1

Daily Four-Evening

8-3-1-1, SB: 8

Quick Draw Evening

03-07-11-21-22-24-

29-37-39-42-44-51-52-

56-66-68-69-73-74-75,

BE: 73

Illinois

Lotto

12-16-22-25-26-45,

Extra Shot: 17

Estimated jackpot

\$4.25 million

LuckyDay Lotto Midday

22-25-26-29-32

Pick Three-Midday

6-6-4, Fireball: 8

Pick Three-Evening

3-0-6, Fireball: 4

Pick Four-Midday

8-9-7-7, Fireball: 7

Pick Four-Evening

7-4-6-7, Fireball: 7

Lucky Day Lotto

05-28-37-42-45

— The Associated Press

NOBO

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He said they can help the community by not only providing jobs with living wages, but by supporting other new businesses to grow and thrive.

Bonsett said they aren't done in Benton Harbor.

"Our plan, with the city's support, is to continue to clean up (the Harbor Light/Alreco property) further," he said.

The company owns Grow-Ray Lighting Technologies, which provides LED lighting systems for cannabis operations. He said the lights are currently manufactured in Malaysia.

"We'd like to bring it to Benton Harbor," Bonsett said. "We have a lot of space here and it's in a centralized part of the country."

However, he added that moving the light manufacturing to Benton Harbor would have to make financial sense.

Because the Alreco property is in an opportunity zone, he said they could receive some tax incentives to move the light manufacturing facility there.

They didn't apply for tax incentives for the medical marijuana facilities, but he said they would for the light manufacturing facility.

Opportunity zones are designed to help attract people to make investments in low-income communities that have experienced a lack of business growth.

As NOBO Michigan grows, the number of people it employs will likely

grow from the current staff of 45.

NOBO Michigan now holds two medical marijuana licenses under which the company can grow 3,000 plants. Bonsett said they have room to double the

number of plants they can grow.

He said they hope to receive additional licenses to grow marijuana through the city's recently passed recreational marijuana ordinance.

"All of this is going to take cooperation," he said. "We want to be a partner with the city. Then we can move on to the next phase with this property."

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SJ, BH work together on public art project

Statues of MLK, local social justice leaders planned

By **JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — It’s been 16 years since Sharon Brown was moved to get on a plane and leave California to spend time working for social justice in her hometown of Benton Harbor. As she was handing out books to youngsters in the city in exchange for hugs, one small boy told her, “Look where you are. We don’t do hugs here.” On the flight home she shed tears.

But Brown persisted, making many return trips before deciding to move back to Benton Harbor. On Friday, she and her husband, Mack, announced a public arts project that will be a joint effort between the cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, as people from both cities work together for social justice. The announcement, conducted via Zoom, was the culmination of a weeklong celebration of Martin Luther King Jr., and was hosted by Lake Michigan College in collaboration with the Krasl Art Center and officials from both cities. “Now is the time,” was the message echoed over and over by participants in the event.

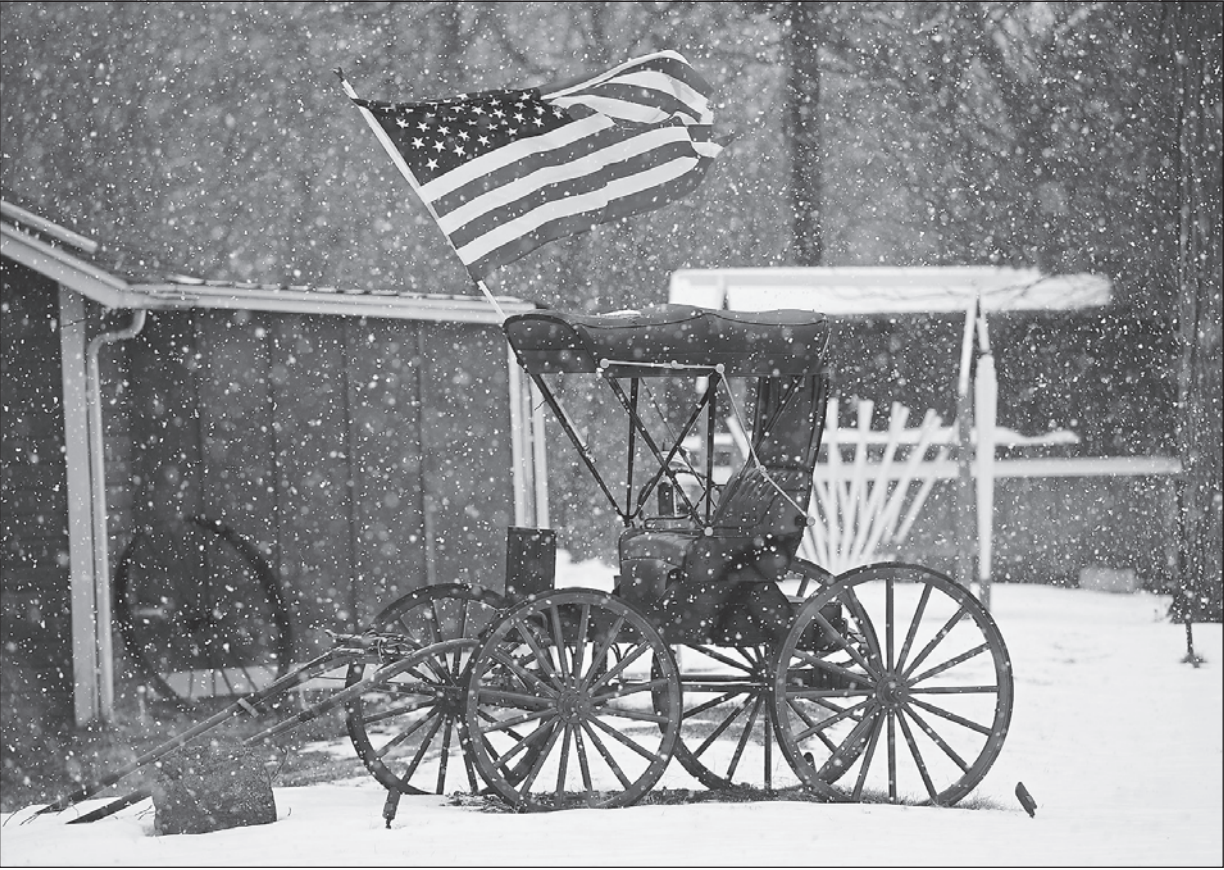
Mack and Sharon Brown opened the African American History and Literature Museum in Benton Harbor three years ago, and joined the Arts & Culture Committee after the St. Joseph City Commission last June vowed to oppose racial inequity and work toward social justice, and formed committees to work on projects that they hope will bring about real change. The St. Joseph and Benton Harbor City Commissions both have resolved to support the public arts project proposed by the Browns and LMC. It will involve placing a statue of Martin Luther King Jr. in each of the two cities, and erecting a unique statue in each city of a resi-

dent that is remembered historically as a social justice leader in that community. The goal is to erect the monuments by 2022 to honor the historic legacies of both cities. “Art has a unique ability to enhance our communities. Now is the time,” Benton Harbor City Commissioner Edward Isom said during Friday’s announcement. St. Joseph City Commissioner Peggy Geggy, co-chair of the Arts & Culture Social Justice Committee, vowed that “This will be the first of many things we will do together.” Julia Gourley Donohue, executive director of the Krasl Art Center, said the Krasl is proud to support the project. “Now is the time for this

civil monument movement to happen. Let’s do this,” she said. Sharon Brown said there is a lot of community support for the project. “We’re just getting started. A lot of details are yet to be determined. We want the community to help shape this,” she said. “We’re not looking to put up tall monuments for us to just look at. They are for the people. Do not miss this moment in history and the chance to say, in 20 years, ‘I was there.’ Now is the time.” A planning meeting for the project will be conducted via Zoom at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11. To join, or for information about how to donate money for the project, email Tami Miller at tmiller@krasl.org.

Mike Nadolski, representing the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, said working with the Browns has been “such a meaningful journey.” “Sometimes the destination is the journey. We’ve seen so much heart and good will from the Browns,” Nadolski said. “Their spirit and drive has captured all of us.” Mack Brown thanked LMC and the Mendel Center for putting together the weeklong Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in the midst of a global pandemic. “I’m so proud of what has taken place this past week. It’s been a very special point in the history of our communities,” he said. *Contact: jswidwa@TheHP.com, 932-0359, Twitter @HPSwidwa*

FLYING THE FLAG



An American flag flies in the wind as the snow falls Friday in downtown Watervliet.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien County Youth Fair to return Aug. 16-21

Fair officials make back-up plan if pandemic persists

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Following last year’s cancellation, the Berrien County Youth Fair is tentatively set to return this year Aug. 16-21. The fair’s board of directors announced Friday when the 75th annual county fair would be held, assuming the pandemic doesn’t derail plans, like it did last year. In a statement released

Friday, fair officials said there is a back-up plan if they are forced to keep the public from the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs again. “If COVID-19 restrictions still remain through the summer months, BCYF will have an exhibitor showcase in August with a virtual auction,” the statement read. Last year’s fair was canceled in June – about two months before it was set to take place – after the fair board realized the state’s mandates and escalating pandemic would not allow for it. In place of the fair, officials held the “Berrien County Showcase – Where

Youth are Essential.” Organizers of the event allowed exhibitors to show off their hard work in a different format, while still complying with the state’s executive order. Friends and family were able to view the exhibitors online as the weeklong showcase was streamed live. While exhibitors were able to show off their livestock and year’s worth of work, the event did not include the usual rides, concessions, grandstand events or commercial exhibits. For this summer, fair officials said more details will follow and recommended exhibitors to visit the fair’s

website at www.bcyf.org or its Facebook page for updates. On Friday, fair officials also announced the market beef and carcass class registration deadline was set for Feb. 1. Exhibitors must be at least 5 years old to show animals at the youth fair. Berrien County youth between the ages of 5 and 20, as of Jan. 1, 2021, can register their animals by submitting a form at the fair office, by calling the office at 269-473-4251, or through online registration for market beef. *Contact: twittkowski@TheHP.com, 932-0358, Twitter: @TonyWittkowski*

Forte Coffee to open downtown SJ store

Spring opening eyed for third Twin Cities location

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
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ST. JOSEPH — It’s been two years since Forte Coffee first opened in Southtown St. Joseph. Now the coffee establishment is planning a third location, at 222 State St. in downtown St. Joseph. Forte Coffee owner Brian Maynard has been teasing the new location throughout the week on social media with clues and cryptic photos. The new location was previously an optometrist’s office, on the corner of State and Pleasant streets. Maynard said plans didn’t come to fruition until December. “I’ve always had my eye on downtown St. Joe,” he said. “I happened to be in downtown St. Joe the day the optical folks were taking their signs down. I popped my head in the next door over at Perennial Accents, who hooked me up with the landlord.” The announcement comes after Maynard opened a second location in the Benton Harbor Arts District – next to Water

Street Glassworks – last year at 138 Water Street. “I believe there is an opportunity for multiple locations in the Twin Cities and Southwest Michigan,” Maynard said. The second location’s opening was delayed, as Maynard had planned to open in Benton Harbor in March – around the time the pandemic hit the region. Maynard eventually got the second store up and running in September. The newest location will be the smallest of Forte Coffee’s three buildings. Maynard said they will be working with 825 square feet on State Street, compared to the 2,100 square feet on Niles Road and the 950 square feet at the Benton Harbor location. Maynard hopes to have the downtown store open sometime in the spring. “These things always take longer than you hope,” he said. “I’ve learned to be hesitant to say a specific date.” Maynard said the menu will be the same as the other locations, with espresso-based drinks, coffee, smoothies, tea and baked goods. The new spot will also have grab-and-go sandwiches and salads. *Contact: twittkowski@TheHP.com, 932-0358, Twitter: @TonyWittkowski*



Don Campbell / HP staff

Forte Coffee will be soon be opening a third area location, at 222 State St. in downtown St. Joseph.

IN BRIEF

Dowagiac company hit with COVID fines

DOWAGIAC — A Dowagiac manufacturing facility is being cited by the state for alleged violations related to state-mandated COVID-19 requirements. According to a news release from the Michigan State Police Emergency Operations Center, Michigan Die Casting faces fines for: “A lack of a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, failure to train employees on the workplace controls for COVID-19, failure to im-

plement a self-screening protocol for COVID-19, a lack of increased cleaning or disinfecting of the facility, not providing face coverings, and not enforcing the use of face coverings.” The company, at 51241 M-51 North, faces penalties totaling \$16,800 after an inspection was initiated from an employee complaint. The company has the option to appeal the state’s decision, which was levied by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA).

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

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Criminal sexual conduct
Rodney L. Johnson, 58, of Jennings Avenue, Benton Harbor, 25-50 years in prison, credit for 474 days served, and \$266 in costs for second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a child June 22, 2019, in Benton Harbor. Johnson was sentenced as a four-time habitual offender.

Drugs
Isaac J. Wallace, 59, of Muskegon, 30 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 95 days served, and \$1,298 in fines and costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Oct. 2, 2020, in Benton Township. Justin W. Miller, 30, of Territorial Road, Benton Harbor,

5-20 years in prison and \$1,298 in fines and costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Nov. 12, 2020, in Watervliet Township. Janelle H. Tipton, 39, of Flanders Street, Dowagiac, 16 days in jail, credit for 16 days served, \$1,498 in fines and costs, substance abuse mental health evaluation, 18 months probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Sept. 14, 2020, in Benton Township. Verdell Washington Jr., 33, of Brunson Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, and \$698 in fines and costs for use of narcotics or cocaine, second offense, April 10, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Fleeing/resisting police
David T. Whitney, 35, of South Bend, Ind., 210 days in jail, credit for 137 days served, and \$198 in costs for third-degree fleeing police July 9, 2018, in Bridgman. **Welfare fraud**
Patricia A. Harris, 47, of Pine Court, Bend Harbor, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, \$2,828 in fines and costs, \$17,677 in restitution, 5 years probation and 200 hours community service for welfare fraud over \$500 between April 1, 2016 and Oct. 31, 2018, in Benton Harbor. **Weapons violation**
Darrell M. Moss, 24, of River Terrace, Benton Harbor, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, \$1,818 in fines and costs, 1 year probation and forfeiture of a Glock pistol for attempted carrying a concealed weapon in an automobile Aug. 27, 2020, in

Benton Harbor. **Larceny**
Ashley N. Rawson, 29, no permanent address, 180 days in jail, credit for 82 days served, \$198 in costs and \$4,067 in restitution for larceny in a building Sept. 7, 2020, at a house in Bainbridge Township. **Assault**
Kwasi L. Roberts, 26, of Vineyard Avenue, Benton Harbor, 210 days in jail, credit for 107 days served, for domestic violence second offense, an assault on a woman, Sept. 13, 2020, in Benton Township. **Niles**
Fleeing/resisting police
James M. Dudkiewicz, 31, of Marion, Ohio, 180 days in jail, credit for 77 days served, and \$198 in costs for fourth-degree fleeing police Aug. 17, 2020, in Niles.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Josephine Kohn

July 11, 1934 – Jan. 16, 2021

Elizabeth Josephine (Gerencser) Kohn, 86, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, in hospice care at Bayfront Health in Port Charlotte, Fla.



She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Robert Kohn; sons, William (Joy) Bancroft of Stevensville and Robert (Tami) Bancroft of Mishawaka, Ind.; grandchildren, Drew (Sidnee) Bancroft, Mitchell Bancroft, Jacob Bancroft, Elise Bancroft, Kirsten (Ferris) Durik and Brandon Snodgrass; great-grandson, Gideon Durik; special niece, Eileen Kaatz; many nieces and nephews, friends and extended family.

Betty was born July 11, 1934, to Steve and Frances Gerencser in Benton Harbor.

Betty was a hard-working, proud, first-generation American. Her parents emigrated from Hungary, and farmed in Bainbridge Township. Betty's first language was Hungarian, speaking it at home, only learning English when she started school. Betty graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1952.

Betty was married to Bill Bancroft Sr. from 1959-71. Betty and Bill were among the partners that opened The Red Coach Inn, a bar and restaurant in Stevensville. Betty worked there as a server extraordinaire, later taking her skills to Ritter's Restaurant.

Betty married Robert "Bob" Kohn in October 1974. She worked as the office manager at their new

business, Supreme Casting, until she retired in 2000. Betty and Bob shared a love of golf and traveling. After retirement, Betty and Bob spent their winters golfing in Scottsdale, Ariz., and later in North Port, Fla.

Betty and Bob were proud supporters of the Lakeshore Lancers, regularly attending football, hockey, baseball, softball and volleyball games for many years. They were deeply committed to Grace Lutheran school and church, where they were members.

Betty was a great cook and baker. She collected cookbooks, enjoyed golf, bowling, word games, ceramics, and she never missed an episode of "The Price is Right." She volunteered for the Miss Stevensville pageant for many years, as well as the Lakeshore Lanes Youth Bowling League.

The Gerencser family reunion was a highlight of the year. She was a fan of Neil Diamond and Lucille Ball (a fellow "natural" red head – thus her nickname "Big Red"). Above all, she loved spending time with her husband and family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her dear sister and best friend, Margaret Kaatz; and brother, Jerry King.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial celebration of Betty's life will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to causes near to your heart in her honor, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Larry B. "Cabbie" Pascoe, 73, of Stevensville died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at home.

A celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Larry's name can be made to Animal Aid of Southwestern Michigan.

Those wishing to sign Larry's memory book can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Larry was born Feb. 8, 1947, in Coldwater to Donald and Elizabeth (Ivaska) Pascoe. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1965.

Larry was employed for many years as an iron worker for the local union. He contributed to the construction of Cook Nuclear Plant and many Whirlpool buildings. Most recently, he was employed as a sales rep for Best Manufacturing of Menlo, Ga. He retired in 2010, after 15

years.

On April 21, 1991, he married Angela Walker in St. Joseph.

Larry was a member of Masonic Lodge 298 in Benton Harbor, where he was a master mason.

In his free time, he enjoyed everything about cars, his main interest being street rods. He organized the Mike Yore Memorial Car Show in St. Joseph, and the Mason's Rendezvous at Riverview Car Show. He cherished his time with family and friends.

Larry is survived by his wife, Angela; his mother, Liz Pascoe of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; his children, Tim Brown of Kalamazoo, Michaelene (Vince) Hultman of Tinley Park, Ill., Jamie Pascoe of St. Joseph; five grandchildren, Alexis and Isabella Brown, Rachel, Jessica and Daniel Hultman; and close friends, Steve Wright of Stevensville and Jerry Olney of Sarasota, Fla. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald.

LeRoy Kelm

Jan. 26, 1929 – Jan. 18, 2021



LeRoy "Roy" Kelm, 91, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Private family services were held due to the current health situation, with the Rev. Joshua Bishop officiating. Burial followed at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Memorial donations in LeRoy's name may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, or Caring Circle of Lakeland. Those wishing to sign LeRoy's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

LeRoy was born on Jan. 26, 1929, in Benton Harbor to Leopold and Alvina (Wagner) Kelm. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School, class of 1947.

On Sept. 5, 1948, he married the former Marion Hookey in Benton Harbor. She was the love of his life, and he was hers, celebrating nearly 72 years together. Having met at Central Docks Skating Rink, they enjoyed

many years of roller skating and square dancing.

LeRoy retired in 1992 after 40 years with Ideal Plumbing in Benton Harbor.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph and the Plumber/Pipefitters Union, Local #357 in Kalamazoo. In his free time, LeRoy enjoyed woodworking, fishing and tending to his vegetable garden.

LeRoy is survived by his children: Kevin (MaryAnn) Kelm of Stevensville, Tim (Ginger) Kelm of Stevensville, Kristine (Kevin Konklin) Streit of Benton Harbor; six grandchildren: Elizabeth Kelm, Paul (Heather) Kelm, Jason (Cari) Kelm, Amy Kelm, Jamie (Terry) Toth, Michael (Megan Young) Streit; 11 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and family friend, Jeanne DeSenzio of St. Joseph.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion, on March 25, 2020; his parents; a brother, Richard Kelm; and a sister, Connie Phillips.

Annie Turner

Nov. 6, 1933 – Jan. 17, 2021



Annie Turner, 87, of Dowagiac passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Annie was born on Nov. 6, 1933, in Dowagiac to Henry and Anna (Kolbe) Patzer. She graduated from Dowagiac High School.

On Oct. 16, 1954, she married Richard "Tom" Turner at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dowagiac. Annie devoted her life to her family, which was most important to her. In her free-time she enjoyed reading.

Annie is survived by her children: Pam Heidenreich of Dowagiac, Joanne (Greg) Pehrson of Fremont, Neb., Nancy (Terry) Wheeler, Bob (Becky) Turner, Cathy Turner (Rick Ruff) and Julie (Mike) Ruff, all of Dowagiac; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, on May 22, 2004; two granddaughters: Anna Heidenreich and Alyson Wheeler; her parents; a brother, Al Patzer; and her sister, Helen Urbanski.

A private celebration of life graveside service was held at Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac. Arrangements are entrusted to Clark Chapel in Dowagiac.

Memorial donations in Annie's name may be made to Reins of Life, Inc. Therapeutic Horseback Riding, 55200 Quince Rd., South Bend, IN 46619, reinsoffife.org, or Dowagiac High School Golf, 701 W. Prairie Ronde, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Those wishing to sign Annie's memory book online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Rebecca Jo Schmidt

June 27, 1959 – Jan. 18, 2021

Rebecca Jo Schmidt, 61, of Three Oaks died peacefully Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

She was born June 27, 1959, in Michigan City, Ind., the youngest of three children born to Ronald Sr. and Marietta Schmidt.

Rebecca loved listening to music and dancing. She enjoyed knitting and doing cross stitch, and attending church Luvability Ministries. Rebecca loved everyone she met and they loved her. She cherished spending time with her aunts and traveling. She was proud and happiest being Aunt Becky.

Rebecca will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by

her two brothers: Ronald (Sandie) Schmidt Jr., and Jeffrey (Tammie) Schmidt, both of Three Oaks; nieces: Cassandra (Pete) Rodriguez of Bridgman, Kayla (Corey Graff) Schmidt of Galien; and nephews: Ronald (Jessi) Schmidt III of Hesston, Ind., Ryan (Angela) Schmidt of Paw Paw.

The family will observe a private remembrance. Rebecca will be laid to rest with her parents in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Death notices

Cindy Brandt, 59, of Niles died Jan. 21, 2021. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Diana Lynn Eaton, 69, of Hartford, formerly of Kalamazoo, died Jan. 20, 2021, at home. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Cammie Hunt, 81, of Coloma died Jan. 20, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

LeRoy Kelm, 91, of St. Joseph died Jan. 18, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Elizabeth Josephine (Gerencser) Kohn, 86, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 16, 2021, in hospice care. Farley Funeral Homes & Crematory, Venice, Fla., 941-488-2291.

Kathleen Kubiak, 86, of Niles died Jan. 22, 2021, at Hanson Hospice, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Garry Lee McDaniels, 80, died Jan. 9, 2021, at Charlestown Retirement Community, Maryland.

Neta Mullen, 86, of Watervliet died Jan. 19, 2021, at home. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

James Niven, 64, of Niles died Jan. 21, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Larry B. Pascoe, 73, of Stevensville died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sherman Perdue, 51, of Coloma died Dec. 27, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Marjorie Royce, 98, died Jan. 14, 2021. Sommerfeld Chapel and Cremation Services, New Buffalo, 469-2233.

Veronica Ann Sanders, 62, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 12, 2021. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Rebecca Schmidt, 61, of Three Oaks died Jan. 18, 2021. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Sharon Siefken, 77, formerly of Stevensville died Jan. 15, 2021, in El Paso, Texas. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

John Charles Sprague, 85, of Stevensville died Jan. 19, 2021, at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Annie Turner, 87, of Dowagiac died Jan. 17, 2021, at home. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Sherman Perdue

May 13, 1969 – Dec. 27, 2020

Sherman William "Buddy" Perdue, 51, of Coloma sadly passed away Dec. 27, 2020, from COVID-19, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.



Arrangements entrusted to Purely Cremations. For those who wish to leave an online condolence may do so at www.purelycremations.org. A memorial service and celebration of life will be at a later date.

Buddy was born on May 13, 1969, to Howard and Leona (Welsh) Perdue in Monticello, Iowa.

He spent the last 20 years with the love of his life, Kim Pelletier-Priebe. When he wasn't busy remodeling their home, he was enjoying his second love – building and

flying remote control airplanes. Buddy was a member of the Watervliet High Flyers and considered his friends at the field his second family. He was a good, kind

man. Buddy is survived by his fiancée, Kim; sons: Joey (Cassie) Perdue and Kyle Priebe; grandchildren: Cristeena, Jacob, Aleena, Annabel, James and Chase; sisters: Tina (Roger) Trumps, Shelly Perdue, and Donna (Albert) Hardmon; and many treasured nieces, nephews, and his best friend, Charles Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters: Lori and Brenda.

Many thanks for all continued thoughts and prayers.

Marjorie Louise Royce

Feb. 19, 1922 – Jan. 14, 2021

Marjorie Louise Royce died of natural causes in Michiana, Mich., on Jan. 14, 2021, with her son, Bob, and niece, Laura Cole at her side.

Born in Chicago on Feb. 19, 1922, Marjorie died just short of her 99th birthday. She followed her mother Rita as clerk and treasurer for the Village of Michiana. Then she worked for stretches of many years in deputy positions at New Buffalo Township, Michiana, and Grand Beach until the age of 95 in 2017.

She married Robert Fredrick Royce, having followed him to Ann Arbor where her sister was living. After Robert graduated from the University of Michigan in 1945, they were married and celebrated more than 50 anniversaries before his death in 1999. She and Robert had two children, a daughter, Robin Louise Royce Pszczola, and son, Robert Paul Royce.

Robin died in 2016. Marjorie is survived by her son, who lives in Michiana; and her son-in-law, John Pszczola, who lives in Chicago.

She was the middle of five siblings born to LeRoy and Rita Cole, all who preceded her in death.

Marjorie was kind, generous, and forever keeping herself busy with knitting, cross stitching, cooking, baking cookies, and a long list of other activities. She celebrated the births of babies to family and friends with cross-stitched samplers. Marjorie also honored family with cross-stitched Scrabble patterns of their names. All her creations were made with a perfectionist's attention to detail. Her family and friends will continue to be warmed by hand-knit sweaters, afghans, baby blankets and her memory.

In lieu of flowers, you may choose to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Doctors Without Borders USA, or UNICEF.

If you wish to leave the family a message of condolence you may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel, 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo.

See more obituaries on Page A5



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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

The Niles area could reap millions of dollars in benefits from the U.S. Canoe Association’s decision to hold next year’s national canoe and kayak competition here. Niles was chosen as the site of the 1997 championship at the USCA’s annual convention last weekend in Chicago. The championships will be Aug. 12-17, and will coincide with the city’s annual Riverfest celebration.

1986 – 35 years ago

To help stimulate interest in the 1986 Cloverleaf Spelling Bee, The Herald-Palladium will offer a regular column on words, their spelling, meaning and origin. Words illustrated are typical of those used in spelling bees, but may not necessarily be used in the competition. The column is provided

courtesy of Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield, Mich., and The Detroit News.

1971 – 50 years ago

The South Haven City Council adopted a new anti-loitering ordinance to replace one that was ruled unconstitutional earlier this month. The old ordinance was ruled unconstitutional by seventh district court Judge Donald M. Goodwillie Jr., because it could be interpreted to be against the law for a person to stand on a public sidewalk without the permission of a police officer. The new ordinance, which was adopted unanimously by the council, contains the element of hindering or impeding the passage of pedestrians or vehicles when committing the violation of loitering, according to city attorney William Verdonk.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2021. There are 342 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 23, 2020, Chinese state media said the city of Wuhan would be shutting down outbound flights and trains, trying to halt the spread of a new virus that had sickened hundreds of people and killed at least 17. The World Health Organization said the viral illness in China was not yet a global health emergency, though the head of the U.N. health agency added that “it may yet become one.”

On this date:

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1937, 17 people went on trial

in Moscow during Josef Stalin’s “Great Purge.” (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.)

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.

In 2009, President Barack Obama quietly ended the Bush administration’s ban on giving federal money to international groups that performed abortions or provided information on the option.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
28°	22°	32° / 25°	33° / 24°	32° / 19°	31° / 22°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 65%. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 22°. Southeast wind 5 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 12°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 8:06 a.m.
Sunset 5:49 p.m.
Moonrise 1:31 p.m.
Moonset 3:39 a.m.



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday
Temperature
High 22°
Low 16°
Normal High 31°
Normal Low 16°
Record High 55° in 2002
Record Low -7° in 2000
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 0.96"
Normal for month 1.21"
Year to date 0.96"
Normal Year to date 1.21"

Air Quality

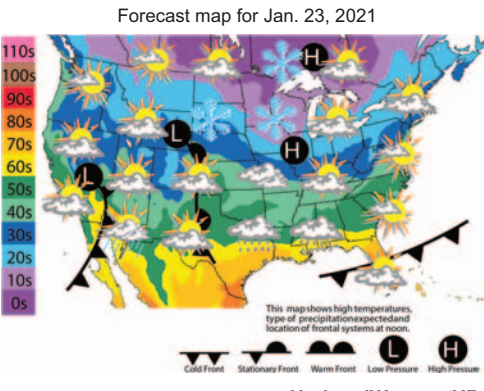
Yesterday 26
Main Offender Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.
0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What was the most snowfall recorded from a single storm?

Answer: From Feb. 13th to Feb. 19th, 189 inches fell at Mt. Shasta, Calif.

National Weather Map



For latest weather updates: www.UpdatedWx.com/HP

Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 26 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 6 to 13 kt. A chance of snow. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West southwest wind 5 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. Southeast wind 6 to 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. Southeast wind 5 to 13 mph.

DINING

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Ken Kozminski, owner The Buck Burgers & Brew in downtown St. Joseph, said he doesn’t intend to reopen under these circumstances because he wouldn’t break even with having to restock his inventory or bringing staff back. The restaurant has been closed since November. “The restaurant industry already had sanitation processes in place and set procedures. At The Buck, we eliminated our menus so it is non-touch and we put systems in place for online ordering,” Kozminski said. “To go from 50 percent, which was already a struggle, to 25 percent is ridiculous.”

Kozminski said if the state raises its capacity limit to 50 percent by the end of February, he would consider reopening.

He said one of the challenges bars and restaurants face is staffing up. Kozminski was able to retain the majority of his staff by having them work at State Street Meats, his other downtown business that he opened in December.

“The uncertainty of the restaurant industry over the past year makes it less attractive for people to want work in this industry,” he said. “Because of this, you have a lot of people who

may be looking for a different career.”

Amy Zapal, executive director of St. Joseph Today, said she’s happy to see any progress toward reopening. Despite the announcement, Zapal acknowledged the restaurant sector has taken a large hit from the pandemic and hopes this is the first step toward normalcy.

“Some of those restrictions are crippling and incredibly hard on them. I hope our community continues to help with buying gift cards and to-go orders in the meantime,” she said. “It’s important for people to wear their masks and wash their hands. The sooner people adhere to these basic rules, the sooner we can get back to what we’re used to.”

Havlicek said the restaurateurs he has spoken with in reaction to Friday’s announcement have been repeating the same thing: They’re ready to prove they can operate safely.

“Right now, they live or die by the press conference. That’s not an economic environment in which any business can thrive,” Havlicek said, referencing the governor’s periodic updates. “But this is a positive direction. I try to praise the good and condemn the bad. This is definitely a positive direction for our state.”

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Health director resigns; Whitmer names successor

LANSING (AP) — Michigan Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, who issued sweeping orders to curb the spread of the coronavirus after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s powers were upended by a court ruling, abruptly resigned Friday.

No explanation for the resignation was given. In a tweet, he said it was “an honor to serve alongside wonderful colleagues. I look forward to the next chapter.”

In recent months, Gordon helped with President Joe Biden’s transition, co-leading a team that reviewed operations at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Gordon’s announcement came just hours after he signed a revised order that will let restaurants and bars resume indoor dining on Feb. 1, ending a ban that took effect in mid-November. In a written statement announcing the latest measure — he was not at the governor’s COVID-19 news conference Friday — he said unmasked, indoor activities like dining and drinking are still high risk.

Whitmer, a Democrat, appointed Elizabeth Hertel to succeed Gordon at the state Department of Health and Human Services, effectively immediately. Hertel currently is the agency’s senior chief deputy director for administration.

VOLUNTEERS

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The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department reported in a newsletter Friday that this week it began giving vaccines to people 65 years of age and older, continued to vaccinate Phase 1A health care/critical infrastructure workers, and slowly began to vaccinate essential workers as classified in Phase 1B.

“On Tuesday we received 800 doses of vaccine and by the end of Friday we will have administered all 800 doses, exceeding the state goal to distribute at least 90 percent of the vaccines allocated within seven days of receipt,” VB-CDHD officials wrote in the newsletter.

Residents of Cass and Van Buren counties that are in-

terested in being vaccinated should sign-up at <https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19-vaccine>.

Week to week COVID data

Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD, said on Friday that COVID-19 numbers in Berrien County remain at a plateau.

She said testing has increased again, and tests coming back positive has been just below 10 percent. That’s still high, but much more manageable for the health department than when the county was closer to a 20 percent positivity rate in late November.

Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said Friday that another metric that has improved is the transmission of the disease,

or the number of people infected from a positive case. He said for two people who have COVID-19 in the community, it’s averaging that only one of them gives it to someone else.

Spectrum Health Lakeland averaged about 36 COVID-19 patients a day this week. That’s down from 41 last week and 44 the week before. On Friday, the hospital reported having 25 COVID patients admitted.

Berrien County recorded 293 new COVID-19 cases this week. That’s compared to 344 new cases last week and 389 the week before.

In addition, the county recorded 330 new recoveries and five additional deaths. Last week the county had recorded 561 recoveries and three deaths.

In total, since the start of the

pandemic, Berrien County has recorded 9,773 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 8,214 recoveries, 191 deaths and 766 presumed COVID-19 cases. That’s an addition of 21 presumed cases since last Friday.

Van Buren County recorded 106 new COVID-19 cases this week. The previous week the county had recorded 150 new cases.

Cass County recorded 72 new COVID-19 cases this week, along with two additional deaths. The previous week the county had recorded 146 new cases and three deaths.

In total, Cass County has recorded 3,296 COVID-19 cases and 53 deaths. Van Buren County has recorded 4,363 COVID-19 cases and 80 deaths.

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- ★ Disability Compensation benefits for prior conditions, diseases or injuries that occurred in service or many years later as a result of service (e.g. Agent Orange Exposure, Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – combat or personal trauma) to name a few.
- ★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center who come to Berrien County twice a week.
- ★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).
- ★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.
- ★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).
- ★ Free financial coaching from an Accredited Financial Counselor and Financial Fitness Coach Counselor as well as ongoing Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University Military Edition classes.





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Latest delay casts doubt on winter sports season

High school basketball, other contact sports can't compete until at least Feb. 21

By **BEN SANDERS**
HP Sports Editor

Local coaches are starting to wonder if there will be a high school basketball season after yet another setback. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced updated

COVID-19 guidelines from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on Friday morning, which extended a ban on contact sports to Feb. 21. The ban was set to expire on Feb. 1, with the MHSAA planning for competition to begin Feb. 4 for basketball, with wrestling and competitive cheer following shortly after. When the delays began in November, Lakeshore girls basketball coach Michael Clark never expected them



to last this long. "I was as optimistic as probably any coach in the state," Clark said. "My optimism has definitely dwindled these last three weeks. I'm still holding on to a little hope. I hate to say it would not surprise me if they nixed indoor winter sports." The MHSAA hasn't made

any plans based on the new information yet. The organization is holding football state championship games at Ford Field in Detroit this weekend. "We found out about this decision at 9:30 a.m. like everyone else, and we will address it as quickly as possible after taking the weekend to collect more information," MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "We did not anticipate this delay in winter contact

practices and competition, and today's announcement has created many new questions. "Obviously, this is disappointing to thousands of athletes who have been training with their teams over the last week and watching teams in other states around Michigan play for the last two months." That basketball was again delayed while a contact sport like football was being played indoors didn't sit well with some fans and coaches,

including Benton Harbor boys basketball coach Corey Sterling. "It's very frustrating," Sterling said. "You see football getting better treatment. "If you look at the data, our (COVID-19) numbers are down. There's really no justification on why winter sports keep getting punished." Fall sports were allowed to finish their postseasons

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Hank Aaron, baseball's one-time home run king, dies

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP National Writer

ATLANTA — Hank Aaron, who endured racist threats with stoic dignity during his pursuit of Babe Ruth's home run record and gracefully left his mark with 755 homers and a legacy as one of baseball's greatest all-around players, died Friday. He was 86.

The Atlanta Braves, Aaron's longtime team, said he died peacefully in his sleep. No cause was given.

Aaron made his last public appearance just 2 1/2 weeks ago, when he received the COVID-19 vaccine. He said he wanted to help spread the word to Black Americans that the vaccine is safe.

"Hammerin' Hank" set a wide array of career hitting records during a 23-year career spent mostly with the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves, including RBIs, extra-base hits and total bases.

But the Hall of Famer will be remembered for one swing above all others, the one that made him baseball's home-run king.

It was a title he would hold for more than 33 years, a period during which the Hammer slowly but surely claimed his rightful place as one of America's most iconic sporting figures, a true national treasure worthy of mention in the same breath with Ruth or Ali or Jordan.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who often attended Braves games, described Aaron as "a personal hero."

George W. Bush, a one-time owner of the Texas Rangers, presented Aaron in 2002 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the nation's highest civilian honor.

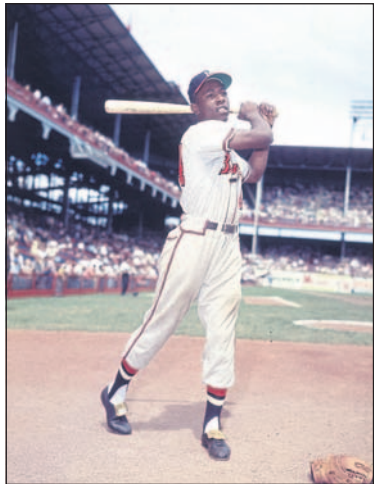
"The former Home Run King wasn't handed his throne," Bush said. "He grew up poor and faced racism as he worked to become one of the greatest baseball players of all time. Hank never let the hatred he faced consume him."

On April 8, 1974, before a sellout crowd at Atlanta Stadium and a national television audience, Aaron broke Ruth's home run record with No. 715 off Al Downing of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But Aaron's journey to that memorable homer was hardly triumphant.

He was the target of extensive hate mail as he closed in on Ruth's

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In this 1954 file photo, the Milwaukee Braves' Hank Aaron poses for a photo at Ebbets Field during an exhibition game in New York. Aaron died early Friday.

Riding the defense



Michael Conroy / AP

Michigan forward Brandon Johns Jr. (23) goes up to block the shot of Purdue guard Isaiah Thompson (11) during the first half of Friday's game.

No. 7 Michigan smothers Purdue offense

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Isaiah Livers matched his season high with 22 points, Eli Brooks added 11 and No. 7 Michigan relied on a staunch defense to beat Purdue 70-53 on Friday night.

The Wolverines (13-1, 8-1 Big Ten) maintained their stranglehold on the conference lead by winning their fifth straight

in the series. Trevion Williams had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Boilermakers, who never led as their four-game winning streak came to an end. Purdue (11-6, 5-4) played without guard Sasha Stefanovic, its top 3-point shooter, after he tested positive for COVID-19.

Michigan took full advantage of absence by limiting Purdue to 32.1 percent shooting and shutting out the Boilermakers from 3-point range in the first half as they took a 34-21 lead.

Purdue made its first two 3s in the second half and cut the deficit

to 42-32 with 14:58 to play. But the Wolverines answered with six straight points.

Big picture

Michigan: Yes, the Wolverines have one of the nation's highest-scoring offenses. But when Michigan's shooters have an off-night, their defense is equally impressive. It's a combination few teams possess, which is why the Wolverines could be a legitimate Final Four contender.

Purdue: While the Boilermakers had been the Big Ten's hottest team, they sputtered without Stefanovic on the perimeter. Big Ten protocols will force Stefanovic out of at least the next two games, and coach Matt Painter needs to find a solution — fast.

Poll implications

With wins over Maryland and at Purdue this week, the Wolverines won't go anywhere but up in the Top 25. The bigger question is whether recent wins at Michigan State, Ohio State and Indiana will be enough to propel the Boilermakers into the rankings for the first time all season.



Michael Conroy / AP

Purdue forward Trevion Williams shoots over Michigan center Hunter Dickinson (1) during the second half of Friday's game.

Stat sheet

Michigan: Freshman Hunter Dickinson scored eight points and has 20 in the last three games after opening the season with 11 straight games in double figures. ... Livers has had six straight games in double figures. He also had 10 rebounds and three assists... The Wolverines allowed a season-low

21 points in the first half, two fewer than Wisconsin scored earlier this month.

Purdue: Williams has 12 straight double-doubles. ... Williams, Eric Hunter Jr. and Jaden Ivey were the only players to make more than two baskets. ... Painter remains one win away from tying

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Bears promote Sean Desai to defensive coordinator

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears promoted safeties coach Sean Desai to replace retired defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano on Friday.

The longest-tenured member of the Bears' coaching staff, Desai was hired as a quality control coach in 2013 under Marc Trestman. He worked with defensive backs and linebackers while also assisting on special teams through the 2018 season before being promoted to safeties coach.

Coach Matt Nagy called Desai "a person of high football intelligence" while announcing his pro-

motion.

"The respect he has within our building from coaches, players and staff is unparalleled," Nagy said in a statement.

The Bears made the playoffs for the second time in Nagy's three seasons despite going 8-8 for the second straight year. They dropped six straight and eight of their final 11 games counting a wild-card loss at New Orleans.

Pagano retired after two seasons in Chicago and more than three-and-a-half decades coaching at the college and NFL levels.

Chairman George McCaskey announced last week the team is retaining Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace for at least another

year, insisting the Bears have the culture to become a consistent winner.

The 37-year-old Desai will try to re-energize an effective unit that has taken a step back after dominating under former coordinator Vic Fangio.

The Bears' defense spent most of the year in the top 10, only to struggle down the stretch and finish ranked 11th overall. A big issue was an inability to create game-changing plays. The Bears tied for 25th in the NFL in takeaways with 18 and finished with 35 sacks, 17th in the league.

Three-time All-Pro Khalil Mack had nine sacks in his second straight season finishing in single

digits.

Desai joined the Bears after spending the 2012 season as Boston College's running backs/special teams coordinator. He was assistant director of football operations at Miami (Fla.) in 2011 after five years at Temple as a defensive and special teams coach. He became one of the youngest coordinators in the country in 2010 when at age 27, he was put in charge of the Owls' special teams.

Desai also earned a doctorate in educational administration from Temple in May 2008. He was an adjunct professor in the school's master's and doctor's programs in educational administration in 2009 and 2010.

Packers realize how much Rodgers has at stake in NFC championship

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers' Green Bay Packers teammates understand what this NFC championship game means to the All-Pro quarterback's legacy. Rodgers has delivered the kind of season that puts him in contention for a third MVP honor, which would match the total won by Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady.

The Super Bowl count between the two NFC championship game quarterbacks is more one-sided. Brady won six Super Bowl titles and appeared in nine overall while starring for the New England Patriots. Rodgers led the Packers to a Super Bowl crown in the 2010 season, but hasn't brought them back since.

"You look at Brady and everybody wants to make that comparison forever, but it's basically turned into a quarterback stat: Super Bowls," Packers All-Pro wide receiver Davante Adams said.

"If that's what it's going to be, then obviously we're going to put as much as we can on ourselves to try to help him get there and, ultimately, relieve him of the Super Bowls being a thing that hinder him from being the GOAT (greatest of all time). In my mind, he's the GOAT, regardless of how many Su-



Jason Behnken / AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers inside linebacker Devin White (45) sacks Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) during the second half of an Oct. 18 game.

per Bowl are won."

Rodgers' brilliant season has included just one outright dud. It occurred the previous time these two teams met.

Green Bay led Tampa Bay 10-0 early in the second quarter back on Oct. 18 until Jamel Dean scored on a 32-yard interception return. Rodgers' next pass was picked off by Mike Edwards and returned 38 yards to the Green Bay 2-yard line, setting up another touchdown.

After the Packers lost 38-10, Rodgers called the performance a wakeup call and kick in the rear for an offense that had moved the ball virtually at will up to that point.

The Packers haven't been held below 22 points since.

They'll be chasing their eighth consecutive victory when the Packers (14-3) host the Bucs (13-5) on Sunday.

"We've been playing the right way, and I feel like the way we've been winning has been better than early in the season," Rodgers said. "We've been playing a lot better on both sides of the ball."

The performance at Tampa Bay was out of character for someone who protects the ball so well.

Rodgers completed 45.7 percent of his passes for 160 yards with two interceptions and no touchdowns that day. In the Packers' other 16 games, he has completed 71.9 percent of his passes for 4,435 yards with 50 touch-

downs and three interceptions.

He has been picked off just five times in 562 pass attempts this season (526 in the regular season, 36 in a playoff victory over the Los Angeles Rams). His only other multi-interception game over the past three seasons came when he was picked off twice in last year's NFC championship game loss at San Francisco.

"When you throw five interceptions and throw the ball 526 times, that's amazing," said Rich Gannon, a former NFL quarterback who now works for CBS Sports.

"You're going to get the ball tipped, deflected. Balls are going to go through the hands of a receiver. Something bad going's to happen. Yet he's thrown five picks. I think in the last three years, he's thrown 11 picks. Think about that. You throw 38 touchdown passes and 11 picks in a season, you'd think that's pretty good. 11 picks in three years."

"He's been the best in the last decade at ball security. There's no one who's been better."

This marks Rodgers' fourth NFC championship game appearance over the past seven years. All of Rodgers' previous starts in the NFC championship games came on the road.

Source: Cubs, Romine agree to 1-year deal

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cubs added a veteran catcher, agreeing to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract with Austin Romine, a person with direct knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Friday.

The person confirmed the agreement on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been finalized.

Chicago had been looking for a backup catcher since the Cubs traded Victor Caratini to San Diego last month. Miguel Amaya is among the organization's top prospects, but he finished his last minor league season at the Class-A level.

The 32-year-old Romine hit .238 with two homers

and 17 RBIs in 37 games with Detroit last year, earning \$1,537,037 in prorated pay from a \$4.15 million salary. He played parts of eight seasons with the New York Yankees before signing with the Tigers as a free agent.

Romine had his most productive season with New York in 2018, batting .244 with a career-high 10 homers and 42 RBIs in 77 games.

Chicago has Willson Contreras in place as starting catcher, but he has been mentioned in trade rumors. The Cubs are retooling under President of Baseball Operations Jed Hoyer, but they are hoping to stay in the mix in the NL Central after winning the division in 2020.

Ex-Lions coach Patricia returning to assist Patriots coaching staff

By **CARLOS MONARREZ**
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

Former Detroit Lions coach Matt Patricia will return to the New England Patriots to assist the team's coaching staff, a person familiar with the situation told the Detroit Free Press on Friday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Patriots had not announced the hiring yet.

The Boston Globe first reported the hiring Friday and said Patricia "will assist the Patriots coaching staff in a variety of roles."

The Globe also reported that Evan Rothstein, a behind-the-scenes research assistant for the Lions since 2012, also will join the Patriots. COVID-19-related problems pressed

Rothstein into emergency coaching duty as the defensive play-caller for the 47-7 loss Dec. 26 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Patricia and general manager Bob Quinn were fired Nov. 28 after a Week 12 loss to the Houston Texans that dropped the Lions' record to 4-7 and virtually eliminated them from the playoff race.

Patricia had a 13-29-1 record as a first-time head coach of the Lions.

Before joining the Lions in 2018, Patricia had a 14-season tenure in New England. He started as a Patriots coaching assistant in 2004 and eventually rose to become the defensive coordinator and one of coach Bill Belichick's most trusted lieutenants.

Chiefs' Mahomes cleared to play in AFC championship

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes was cleared Friday from the league's concussion protocol after his third consecutive day of practice and will be under center when Kansas City plays the Buffalo Bills in the AFC championship game.

Mahomes was hurt in the third quarter of the Chiefs' divisional-round win over Cleveland. He returned to take the majority of snaps in a light workout Wednesday, then did the same during the longest practice of the week Thursday, before team doctors and an independent neurologist gave him the green light following Friday's workout.

"The week has been a bunch of testing, a bunch of different things, to make sure I'm good to go and there's no lingering effects and things like that," Mahomes said. "Everything has been good. I went through everything; three or four different doctors have said everything is looking good."

The reigning Super Bowl MVP was hurt when he was tackled around the head by Browns linebacker Mack Wilson while running a quarterback option. It never appeared that Mahomes hit his head on the turf — and if he did, it was not the kind of impact that usually leads to a concussion — raising the possibility that he had actually compressed a nerve.

Either way, Mahomes immediately showed the symptoms of a concussion. He remained on the turf for a couple of minutes, then nearly collapsed when he got to his feet. He was still wobbly as trainers helped him to the sideline and into the blue injury tent, though he looked more steady when he ran into the locker room a few minutes later.

The Chiefs wasted little time ruling Mahomes out, though. Chad Henne wound up finishing off the 22-17 victory.

"We had an option play called we ran a little earlier," Mahomes recalled Friday, "and I ran out to the right. I got hit. I tried to get up, felt my legs go out and knew that

wasn't a good thing."

Still, Mahomes had enough wits about him to tell the trainers to let him remain on the turf so that Henne would have a chance to warm up — "because I knew we were going to go for it on fourth down," Mahomes said.

"You want to be out there, but you have to go through the protocol and do everything the right way. You have to look at everything long term as much as short term," said Mahomes, who signed a 10-year contract in the offseason that could pay him close to a half-billion dollars over the course of the deal. "We have the belief there will be no lingering effects and I'll be able to go out there and be myself and be who I am every single week."

Mahomes was second in the NFL with 4,740 yards passing this season, despite skipping the regular-season finale with the Chiefs already assured of the No. 1 seed and a first-round bye. The long layoff between Week 16 and last Sunday wasn't a problem, either, as Mahomes threw for 255 yards with TDs running and passing before

he was hurt.

He has 15 touchdowns, including three on the ground, without an interception in five postseason starts at home.

Mahomes also does not appear to be bothered by a toe injury he picked up against Cleveland. He acknowledged it was sore on Monday, but it has gotten progressively better throughout the week.

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former Illinois coach Harry Combes for No. 8 all-time in conference wins (174). ... The Boilermakers fell to 6-1 at home this season though they have played more games than any other Power Five school.

The replacement

Painter made the an-

nouncement about Stefanovic less than two hours before tip-off, and Purdue defended its decision to play the game by acknowledging it had been doing extensive testing to assure the illness had not spread.

Ivey replaced Stefanovic in the lineup and wound up with 12 points, five rebounds and five assists but was nowhere near as efficient as Stefanovic, who averages 11.1 points, 3.2 rebounds,

2.4 assists and leads the Big Ten with a 3-point percentage of 45.6 percent. Ivey was 3 of 14 from the field, 0 for 5 on 3s and had three turnovers.

Up next

Michigan: Takes an eight-day break before hosting Indiana next Saturday.

Purdue: Completes a two-game homestand next Saturday against No. 17 Minnesota.

AARON

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cherished record of 714 – much of it sparked by the fact that Ruth was white, Aaron was Black.

Aaron was shadowed constantly by bodyguards and forced to distance himself from teammates. He kept all those hateful letters, a bitter reminder of the abuse he endured and never forgot.

“This is just the way things are for Black people in America,” he once said. “It’s something you battle all of your life.”

Aaron spent 21 of his 23 seasons with the Braves – first in Milwaukee, then in Atlanta after the franchise moved to the South in 1966. He finished his career in Milwaukee, traded to the Brewers after the 1974 season when he refused to take a front-office job that would have required a big pay cut.

While knocking the ball over the fence became his signature accomplishment, the Hammer was hardly a one-dimensional star. In fact, he never hit more than 47 homers in a season (though he did have eight years with at least 40 dingers).

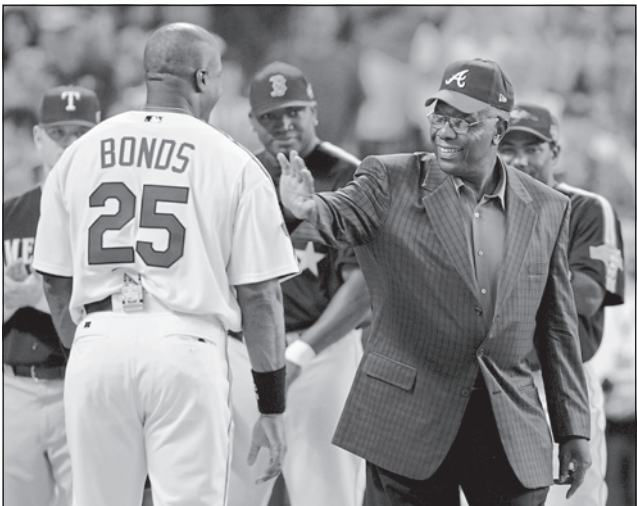
But it can be argued no one was so good, for so long, at so many facets of the national pastime.

He posted 14 seasons with a .300 average, the last of them at age 39, and claimed two National League batting titles. He finished with a career average of .305.

Aaron also was a gifted outfielder with a powerful arm, something often overlooked because of a smooth, effortless stride that his critics mistook for nonchalance. He was a three-time Gold Glove winner.

In addition, Aaron posted nine straight seasons with double-figure stolen bases, including a career-best of 31 in 1963 when he joined Ken Williams and Willie Mays as only the third member of the 30-30 club – players who have totaled at least 30 homers and 30 steals in a season.

Six-foot tall and listed at 180 pounds during the prime of his career, Aaron was hardly an imposing player physically. But he was blessed with powerful wrists that made him one of baseball’s most feared hitters.



Eric Gay / AP

Then-home run record holder Hank Aaron greets San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds before the start of the All-Star Home Run Derby on July 12, 2004 in Houston.

Aaron hit 733 homers with the Braves, the last in his final plate appearance with the team on Oct. 2, 1974. Exactly one month later, he was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers.

Aaron became a designated hitter with the Brewers, but managed just 22 homers over his last two seasons. He retired after hitting .229 in 1976.

Even so, his career numbers largely stood the test of time. The home run mark lasted until Barry Bonds hit his 756th on Aug. 7, 2007.

Bonds retired with 762 homers, but many consider Aaron the true home-run king because of steroid allegations that continue to hound his successor.

Aaron still has more RBIs (2,297), extra-base hits (1,477) and total bases (6,856) than anyone in baseball history. He ranks second in at-bats (12,354), third in games played (3,298) and hits (3,771), and fourth in runs scored (tied with Ruth at 2,174).

He was never one to swing for the fences. He just happened to hit a lot of balls that went over the fence.

“I feel like that home run I hit is just part of what my story is all about,” Aaron said.

He was NL MVP in 1957, when the Milwaukee Braves beat the New York Yankees in seven games to give Aaron the only World Series title of his career. It also was his lone MVP award, though he finished in the top 10 of the balloting 13 times.

Aaron was selected for the All-Star Game 21 consecu-

tive years – every season but his first and his last. His only regret was failing to capture the Triple Crown.

Aaron never received the attention he deserved until late in his career. He played in only two World Series and was stuck far from the media spotlight in Milwaukee and Atlanta.

He became more appreciated with the passing of time.

Aaron was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982 – his first year of eligibility and just nine votes short of being a unanimous choice.

In 1999, baseball began honoring its top hitter with the Hank Aaron Award, akin to the Cy Young for pitchers.

Henry Louis Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama, on Feb. 5, 1934. He headed a long list of outstanding players who came from that Gulf Coast city in the segregated South – Satchel Paige, Willie McCovey, Billy Williams and Ozzie Smith among them.

Initially hitting with a cross-handed style, Aaron was spotted by the Braves while trying out for the Negro League’s Indianapolis Clowns. The Giants also were interested but Aaron signed with the Braves.

Aaron’s big league debut in 1954 was hardly glowing: he struck out twice and hit into a double play. By season’s end, the rookie had put up promising numbers: 13 homers, 69 RBIs, a .280 average.

After retiring as a player, Aaron made amends with the Braves.

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while implementing a rapid COVID-19 testing program. Sterling would like to see that same opportunity extended to winter sports.

“All of my boys are willing to be COVID tested three times a week like everybody else,” Sterling said. “I think that’s the way to go.”

Basketball coaches around the state expressed their frustration on social media, with some going as far as to suggest their teams should play games outside the MH-SAA’s jurisdiction or even outside state lines. High school basketball is currently taking place in both Indiana and Ohio, and local teams sometimes cross the nearby Indiana border for regular-season games.

Sterling cautioned against those ideas, as participating in unsanctioned events could leave a team ineligible for the postseason if and when the MHSAA resumes play. Clark didn’t see playing against Indiana teams as a realistic option, as most are in midseason form and don’t have openings on their schedules.

A positive was that teams were able to begin practice this week, although in a non-contact setting. Clark said that conditioning and shooting drills were a big

focus. Trying to run plays was more challenging without contact, and corner flags from the soccer field at times took the place of defenders.

“We were just excited to get on the court again and be together as a team,” Clark said.

Maintaining the initial enthusiasm with the season now further away will be a challenge.

“The biggest thing is just disappointment,” Clark said. “For the kids, for everybody.”

“I definitely respect the

rules. But it’s definitely frustrating when you’re trying to do everything right.”

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Rockets withstand final review in 103-102 win over Pistons

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Jerami Grant’s driving layup on the final play came too late, and the Houston Rockets held on for a 103-102 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night.

Down one with 3.4 seconds remaining, the Pistons rebounded to Grant, who faked a handoff to Blake Griffin and then drove down the right side of the lane. Time clearly ran out before he laid the ball in, but he was also bumped by Houston’s P.J. Tucker.

Replays showed that contact also came after time expired, and after a review, the game ended with the Rockets holding on.

“I tried to wait as long as I could before I fouled him,” Tucker said. “He got a little edge on me.”

Grant scored 21 points for Detroit, which rallied from a 20-point second-quarter deficit and nearly erased a four-point gap late in the fourth. Griffin’s 3-pointer with 29.9 seconds remaining made it 103-102, and the Pistons stopped Houston at the other end to set up Grant’s final bid.

Detroit coach Dwane Casey felt a foul could have been called earlier on the final play. Grant was pressured quickly after receiving

the ball. “I thought he got fouled three times before he got to the rim,” Casey said.

Eric Gordon scored 20 points for Houston, which snapped a three-game losing streak. The Rockets were without John Wall and Christian Wood but had seven players score in double figures.

“Everybody kind of played a role and did their job. It feels good,” Houston coach Stephen Silas said. “The crazy part is, if that foul had been point-one second earlier, then we wouldn’t feel so good, I guess.”

It was an ugly first quarter for the Pistons, who turned the ball over nine times and trailed 34-21 at the end of the period. David Nwaba’s layup put Houston up 43-23 in the second.

The Pistons, however, have been a bit more competitive this season than their league-worst 3-12 record suggests. They chipped away at the deficit and trailed 55-47 at halftime despite the fact that Griffin hadn’t scored yet.

Grant’s 3-pointer put the Pistons ahead in the third, and they finished the quarter leading 81-77.

Bulls 123, Hornets 110

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Zach LaVine is proving he can be an elite scorer in the

NBA.

But what Bulls coach Billy Donovan likes the most about the seven-year veteran is that he’s raising the game of others and helping his team win.

LaVine, who has established himself as Chicago’s main scoring option, continued his strong and balanced play with 25 points, nine assists and six rebounds to lead the Bulls to a 123-110 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Friday night.

“I think he understands that he has to lift up the level of play of the team,” Donovan said. “The sign of a great player is a player that makes everyone else around them better and I thought that he made some really great passes and got guys some open looks. Everybody knows he can score. Can he raise up the group around him?”

LaVine, who had averaged 32.2 points over his previous five games, converted on 8 of 12 shots from the field and made all six foul shots. He repeatedly made the right plays, setting up his teammates for open looks while running the break and dish out assists.

Lauri Markkanen chipped in with 23 points and Coby White added 18 points and eight assists as the Bulls won their third straight.

Sungjae Im shoots 65, takes lead at The American Express

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Although Sungjae Im hasn’t been on the PGA Tour for very long, the 22-year-old South Korean already feels awfully comfortable on the generous desert courses at The American Express.

So do plenty of other pros, and that’s why the leaderboard is so crowded heading to the weekend.

Im shot a 7-under 65 on Friday at The American Express to take a one-stroke lead over first-round leader Brandon Hagy and four others.

Im, the tour’s rookie of the year in 2019, had seven birdies in a bogey-free round on the Stadium Course at PGA West, highlighted by three in four holes around the turn. After struggling with his putter in recent weeks, he banged in a 22-footer and an 18-footer for consecutive birdies late in his round.

“Visually from the tee box, it’s a course that I really like and enjoy to play, so I felt

really comfortable throughout the round,” Im said. “The two courses that we’re playing this week, I like those courses, and that’s what led me to a good score.”

Hagy was in position to join Im at 11 under, but he bogeyed his final hole with a tee shot into the fairway bunker to finish his 70.

Canada’s Nick Taylor (66), South Korea’s Si Woo Kim (68), Tony Finau (66) and Mexico’s Abraham Ancer (65) also were 10 under. Emiliano Grillo (66), Francesco Molinari (66) and Doug Ghim (68) were two shots off the lead, and eight more were at 8 under.

Tournament host Phil Mickelson missed the cut, but made 18 pars Friday for the first time in his 2,201 rounds of PGA Tour play.

With his drives looking sharp and his mid-range putts dropping regularly, Im is off to another strong start at a tournament in which he has already finished 10th and 12th in his short Tour career.

Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Danielle Kang continued to sail along at the LPGA Tour’s season-opening Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions on Friday, shooting a 6-under 65 to stretch her lead to two shots.

A five-time LPGA Tour winner ranked fifth in the world, Kang had a 13-under 129 total at Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club Orlando. She has yet to make a bogey.

Nelly Korda, at No. 4 the top-ranked player in the 25-woman, winners-only field, was second after a 66.

In Gee Chun and defending champion Gaby Lopez were four strokes back at 9 under. Chun, a two-time major champion, matched Kang for the best score of the day with a 65. The South Korean player had a triple-bogey 7 on the sixth hole Thursday in an opening 68.

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Another urgent item on Biden’s to-do list: Social Security

When you inherit a mess, as President Joe Biden has, everyone needs you to make their issue a priority.

The novel coronavirus is still spreading, causing thousands of deaths each day, and we can’t get enough vaccines in the arms of people to stop it, or at least slow it down.

People are struggling to pay their rent or mortgages or put food on the table. Just last week, 900,000 people filed new unemployment claims.

Biden is moving fast to help. He’s extended the payment pause for federal student loans until September. By executive order, he’s extended a freeze on evictions nationwide through the end of March. Biden also extended to March a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions for borrowers with federally guaranteed mortgages.

But there’s another matter that should get Biden’s immediate attention. Right now, while the Democrats control the House and Senate, Biden needs to put this on his to-do list: fixing Social Security.

Many young adults already believe Social Security won’t be around for them to collect. Although Social Security isn’t bankrupt, it’s certainly facing a serious

Michelle Singletary



shortfall in income to cover promised payments.

“Social Security and Medicare both face long-term financing shortfalls under currently scheduled benefits and financing,” according to the 2020 trustee report for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

The reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund (OASI), which pays retirement and survivor benefits, will be unable to pay full benefits by 2034, the Social Security Board of Trustees projected. Without legislative action, in little more than a decade, OASI will have only enough tax income to pay out 76 percent of scheduled payments.

The Disability Insurance Trust Fund, which pays disability benefits, is in slightly better shape. The fund will have enough money coming in to cover 92 percent of scheduled benefits. The disability trust fund is healthier, in part, because applications have been decreasing since 2010. The number of disabled-worker beneficiaries receiving payments has also declined.

However, given how COVID-19

is impacting millions of individuals, the solvency of the disability trust fund may be in jeopardy sooner than the projections show.

In an update last April, the trustees noted the COVID-19 pandemic could impact the financial health of the funds. “The duration and severity of the pandemic will affect the estimates ... and the financial status of the program, particularly in the short term,” said Andrew Saul, commissioner of Social Security.

And now we know that some people are having health issues long after recovering from the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had reported that some long-term symptoms have included joint pain, respiratory abnormalities, inflammation of the heart muscle, and depression.

In November, Social Security’s Office of the Chief Actuary released an informational letter updating the pandemic’s effect on the trust funds, noting “the effects of the pandemic and recession will be significant.”

More people unemployed means less payroll taxes collected. Low interest rates may help boost consumer spending, but it also means less income earned on the securities held by the trust funds, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation pointed out in

a blog post last year.

The COVID-related economic downturn will likely accelerate the timing of the shortfalls, according to a brief by the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Social Security is literally the financial lifeline for millions of Americans. Fifty-seven percent of retirees rely on Social Security as their major source of income, according to a 2018 Gallup poll.

Former President Donald Trump left office without taking any action to fix Social Security.

One solution often touted is raising the income threshold for the Social Security payroll tax. This year, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax will increase to \$142,800, up from \$137,700. Earnings above the maximum are not subject to the Social Security tax, which is 6.2 percent for employees and a matching 6.2 percent for employers.

There’s no income cap for the Medicare tax, which is 2.9 percent. (Employers pay 1.45 percent and employees cover the other half.) The self-employed pay the entire 12.4 percent for Society Security and 2.9 percent for Medicare.

Of the 178 million workers with earnings in Social Security-covered employment in 2019, about 6

percent had earnings that equaled or exceeded the maximum amount subject to taxes, according to the Social Security Administration.

During his campaign, Biden said that, if elected, he would address the solvency problem by adding a new tier of FICA contributions for high earners. He recommends applying the payroll tax to income above \$400,000, which would still only extend the life of the trust funds by about five years, according to a report by the Urban Institute.

Biden said older Americans should be able to count on a “steady, secure income as you age so your kids won’t have to take care of you in retirement.” This means protecting and strengthening Social Security, he said.

On the White House website, the Biden administration listed its “immediate priorities” – containing COVID-19, encouraging a clean energy revolution, addressing systemic racism, providing relief to people struggling with the economic fallout from the pandemic, providing affordable health care, reforming immigration, and finally restoring America’s global standing.

It’s an ambitious list. Every action is worthy of Biden’s attention now, but tackling the looming Social Security crisis needs top billing, too.

Ask the Fool

One-Time Charges

What does a “one-time charge” refer to on a company’s financial statement? — *S.T., Dover, New Hampshire*

It’s an accounting adjustment meant to reflect a nonrecurring unusual outflow (or inflow) unrelated to the company’s business operations. For example, it may be tied to a lawsuit, layoffs or a plant closing.

Some companies frequently include one-time charges in their reporting, making them not so “nonrecurring.” Such accounting can be used to make a company’s performance look better than it was. According to the Corporate Finance Institute, for example: “Airline companies are often involved in fuel hedging to control their costs. Sometimes, hedging activities generate large profits. A company may decide to include such profits in their revenue numbers even though fuel hedging is not its core business.”

Beware of companies with too-frequent “one-time” charges, and when you see one, try to figure out whether it’s problematic.

Are companies with low profit margins bad investments? — *C.R., Vineland, Colorado*

Not necessarily. Fat profit margins are generally preferable, as they often reflect competitive advantages (such as a strong brand that commands a higher price). Still, you needn’t avoid lower-margin businesses. Instead, look at the whole picture.

Imagine, for example, that the Laverne Brewery Inc. (ticker: DEFAZ) has a whopping net profit margin of 25%, while Shirley Beer Co. (ticker: FEENY) has just a 2% margin. But if Laverne sells only three cases of beer a year, while Shirley sells thousands, Shirley is the better buy, generating more total profit.

Some industries, such as pharmaceuticals, financial services and software, often have high profit margins. Furniture stores and supermarkets typically have low ones — but if they have high sales volume, they can still be good investments.

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Meet the FIRE Movement

Have you heard of the “FIRE” movement? FIRE stands for “Financial Independence, Retire Early,” and it’s all about saving aggressively in order to retire early — as early as your 30s (or even your late 20s). It’s worth learning about it, in case you want to work toward that goal — and even if you don’t, you can probably benefit from adopting some FIRE strategies. You may not retire early, but you might retire on time and be financially secure when you do.

Some FIRE strategies include saving 50% or more of your earnings, increasing those earnings by taking on side jobs and cutting costs. Many FIRE enthusiasts live well below their means, often unconventionally — such as by not having a car, choosing a smaller home or apartment than they can afford and not eating out. All this may seem too extreme and unappealing to lots of us, but for the many people who are

My Smartest Investment

Getting Kids Investing

My smartest investment has been buying shares of companies such as Apple, Google, Disney and Nvidia for my kids in December 2018 and January 2019. They now think they are making money when they interact with these companies on a daily basis. — *C.E., online*

The Fool Responds: That’s very smart indeed. Turning your kids into investors can set them up to be financially savvy and secure for the rest of their lives. And starting by investing in companies they know, like and use is an effective way to build interest.

It’s never clear (and it’s not that important) how stocks will perform in the short run, but if they do well, it can generate excitement quickly. And since owning a share of stock in a company is an actual ownership stake (though admittedly a small one), your children really are contributing to the growth of their businesses when they patronize them.

Other companies that might interest young investors include Activision Blizzard, Amazon.com, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Coca-Cola, Facebook, Hasbro, McDonald’s, Microsoft, Netflix, Nike, PepsiCo, Snap, Spotify Technology, Starbucks, Target and Tesla. Make sure that they understand that some businesses they like are parts of other companies: Instagram is owned by Facebook, for example.

To learn more about investing, your kids might want to read “The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens” by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, \$17).

The Motley Fool Take

Blown Away

NextEra Energy (NYSE: NEE) has been one of the most unique growth stories in the renewable energy arena. As a regulated utility, NextEra features the rare combination of growth from new investments and predictable inflows from existing infrastructure that support its dividend. This balance has allowed NextEra to allocate as much as \$28 billion toward new projects between 2019 and 2022.

NextEra’s leading renewables portfolio is the result of over 20 years of investments. But the company has been ramping up renewable spending even more over the past few years. In the third quarter, it added a record 2.2 gigawatts (GW) of signed contracts to its renewables backlog (1.44 GW of net new additions). This brings its total renewable backlog to over 15 GW, which is more than its entire existing renewable portfolio.

Wind energy is NextEra’s largest renewable investment. As of the third quarter, new wind energy projects and wind repowering (updating old wind farms) accounted for 80% of 2019 to 2020 renewable contracts.

NextEra Energy is one of the safest ways to invest in wind energy. As an established utility, it has the funds to invest in large-scale regulated renewable energy investments that should return a steady stream of free cash flow. The company’s dividend recently yielded 1.9%, and it has been increased for 26 consecutive years. (The Motley Fool has recommended NextEra Energy.)

Name That Company

My roots go back to the 1890s, when some of my products were launched. I was incorporated in 1919 as Nebraska Consolidated Mills. Today, based in Chicago, I’m a giant in the food business, with brands including Banquet, Bertolli, Birds Eye, Chef Boyardee, Duncan Hines, Egg Beaters, Healthy Choice, Jiffy Pop, Marie Callender’s, Reddi-wip, Slim Jim, Vlasic and Wish-Bone, as well as emerging brands such as Angie’s Boomchickapop, Frontera and Udi’s. (Some brands I’ve sold include Wesson, Butterball and Armour.) I employ roughly 18,000 people in about 50 locations, and I rake in more than \$11 billion annually. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We’ll announce it in next week’s edition.

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How to make budgeting as painless as possible

Budgeting is a pain. But what’s more painful is a bill you can’t easily pay, debt that costs a fortune or not having enough money to retire.

Fortunately, you can have a useful, working budget without watching every penny. Automation, technology and a few simple guidelines can keep you on track.

The following approach works best if you have reasonably steady income that comfortably exceeds your basic expenses. If your income isn’t steady or doesn’t cover much more than the basics, you may need to track your spending more closely.

Also, no budget in the world can fix a true income shortfall, where there’s not enough coming in to cover your basic bills. If that’s the case, you need more income, fewer expenses or outside help. One place to start your search for aid is 211.org, which provides links to charitable and government resources in many communities.

Otherwise, though, you can craft

a spending plan with the following steps.

Start with your must-haves

Must-have costs include housing, utilities, food, transportation, insurance, minimum debt payments and child care that allows you to work. Using the 50/30/20 budget, these costs ideally would consume no more than 50 percent of your after-tax income. That leaves 30 percent for wants (entertainment, clothes, vacations, eating out and so on) and 20 percent for savings and extra debt payments.

A budgeting app or your last few credit card and bank statements can help you determine your must-have costs. The more these expenses exceed that 50 percent mark, the harder you may find it to make ends meet. For now, you can compensate by reducing what you spend on wants. Eventually, you can look for ways to reduce some of those basic expenses, boost your income or both.

“After tax,” by the way, means your income minus the taxes you pay. If other expenses are deducted from your paycheck, such as health insurance premiums or 401(k)

contributions, add those amounts to your take-home pay to determine your after-tax income.

If you don’t have a steady job or are self-employed, forecasting your after-tax income can be tougher. You can use a previous year’s tax return or make an educated guess about the minimum income you expect to make this year. A withholding calculator can help you determine what you’re likely to have left after taxes.

Automate what you can

Automatic transfers can put many financial tasks on autopilot, reducing the effort needed to achieve goals. If you don’t automate anything else, automate your retirement savings to ensure you’re saving consistently.

Also consider saving money in separate accounts – often called “savings buckets” – to cover big, non-monthly expenses such as insurance premiums, vacations and car repairs. Online banks typically allow you to set up multiple savings accounts without requiring minimum balances or charging fees. You can name these accounts for different goals, and automate transfers

into those accounts so the money is ready when you need it.

My family typically has eight to 12 of these savings accounts at our online bank. I figure out how much I want to have saved by a certain date, divide by the number of months until that date and send the resulting amount, via automated monthly transfers, from our checking account.

Managing what’s left

Return to your after-tax monthly income figure. Subtract your must-have expenses, your contributions to retirement and savings accounts, and any extra debt payments you plan to make consistently. What’s left is your spending money for the month. (Nothing left? Try winnowing some of those must-haves or set less ambitious savings or debt pay-down goals.)

In the olden days, you might have put cash in an envelope and used it for your spending money. Once the envelope was empty, you were supposed to stop spending. Some people still do that, but in today’s digital, contactless world, you might prefer other approaches.

The easiest would be to put all your spending on a single credit card that’s dedicated to this purpose and paid in full every month. (And since you’re paying in full, consider using a cash back or other rewards card to get some extra benefit from your spending.) Check your balance every few days or set up alerts to let you know when you’re approaching your spending limit for the month. To protect your credit score, you can make payments periodically throughout the month so your balance stays low compared to your credit limit.

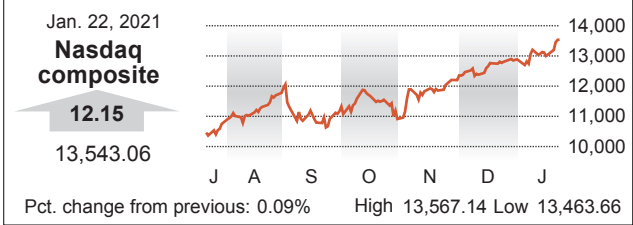
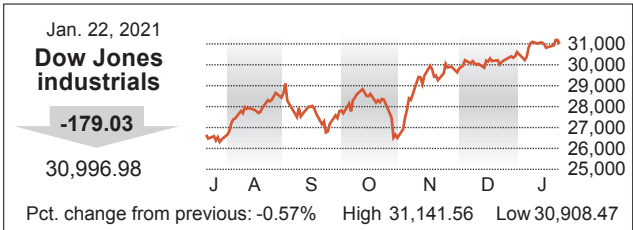
Alternatively, you could use more than one card, a debit card or a spending app that’s tied to your checking account, such as Venmo, PayPal or Zelle. A budget app or spreadsheet can help keep you on track. You also could consider setting up a separate checking account just for this spending. Again, many online banks offer checking accounts without minimum balance requirements or monthly fees.

Your budget won’t be perfect and you’ll have to make adjustments as you go. But at least you, and your money, will be headed in the right direction.



Liz Weston

MARKETS



Amer Elec Power AEP \$82.08 +1.11 +1.4% ▲ 4-wk. +8% ▼ YTD -1.4%

Whirlpool WHR \$198.21 +3.16 +1.6% ▲ 4-wk. +2.6% ▲ YTD +9.8%

Local Stocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.14	28.93	+1.0	+0.3	▼	▲	▲	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	82.08	+1.11	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	▼
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	139.67	139.07	+2.20	+1.6	▲	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1297.82	1227.16	-19.25	-1.5	▼	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	14.74	38.51	23.87	-.15	-0.6	▼	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	58.41	+.30	+0.5	▼	▲	▲	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	48.49	-.46	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	52.49	48.68	-.45	-0.9	—	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	306.35	305.17	-.33	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	183.40	172.78	+1.50	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	115.45	107.88	+.09	+0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	68.42	47.43	-.68	-1.4	▼	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	32.82	30.90	+.22	+0.7	▼	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	51.03	42.78	+1.36	+3.3	▼	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	12.15	11.52	-.01	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	11.11	+.04	+0.4	▼	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	284.00	+4.95	+1.8	▲	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	18.55	17.35	+.55	+3.3	▲	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.12	13.84	-.67	-4.6	▼	▲	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	211.71	196.54	+1.01	+0.5	▲	—	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	118.61	-13.04	-9.9	▼	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	142.75	133.79	-1.04	-0.8	▼	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	164.14	163.55	+1.82	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	172.40	+.06	...	▲	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	213.38	-.15	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	225.95	+.98	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	41.55	36.78	+.21	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	43.29	-.13	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.08	36.55	+.07	+0.2	▼	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	94.34	146.92	130.00	-1.01	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	103.79	94.40	+.43	+0.5	▲	▼	▼	▼
Steelcase	SCS	7.02	19.48	13.81	+.35	+2.6	▲	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	247.44	239.93	-3.67	-1.5	▼	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	46.10	41.29	-1.86	-4.3	▼	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	199.96	191.91	+.64	+0.3	▼	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	160.83	155.62	+.44	+0.3	▼	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	158.99	-1.11	-0.7	▲	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	61.95	57.47	+.20	+0.3	▲	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	87.38	-.45	-0.5	▼	▼	▼	▼
Walmart	WMT	102.00	153.66	146.33	+1.48	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	▲
Walgreens	WBA	33.36	54.53	47.45	+.38	+0.8	▼	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	20.85	-.39	-1.8	▼	▼	▼	▼
Whirlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	198.21	+3.16	+1.6	▲	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	58.99	55.38	+1.37	+2.5	▼	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	128.57	117.13	-2.92	-2.4	▼	▼	▼	▼

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious of fine appearance sold higher from mostly \$35-36, Golden Delicious fine appearance fruit sold higher from mostly \$39-40, Fuji brought mostly \$34-36, Pink Lady sold from \$40, Gala sold steady with fine appearance offerings from \$38-40, and Honeycrisp 80s sold for \$35-36 with fine appearance \$48. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for \$28, while Golden Delicious sold for \$26-27, Fuji sold for \$22 and Gala brought \$30, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for \$20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/ crates bunched from Peru standard and large size sold lower from \$32-50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold higher from \$35-36.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size blueberries from Chile sold from \$28-28.50, with fine appearance offerings from Mexico selling higher for \$38-38.50. No organic offerings. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium-large size from Mexico sold higher for \$32-32.50. No organic offerings.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from \$20-22, with organic offerings \$20.50-22.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold from \$19-20, with red offerings lower from mostly \$29-31.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from Arizona sold for \$30-32. No organic offerings.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Florida bi-color sold higher for \$48.50, with yellow offerings higher

at \$48-49.

CRANBERRIES: Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold from mostly \$29-30.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher for \$25-27, large sold for \$22-23.50, while carton 24s sold lower for \$9.50-10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold lower for \$30-31.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons 24s from Mexico sold lower for \$14.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from Arizona/California sold lower for mostly \$15.50-17.50, with organic offerings \$38.50-40.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold lower for \$21-21.50.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green extra-large sold for \$26. Medium-large size cubanelle peppers from North Carolina sold for \$32, while offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers sold higher for \$28, extra-large serranos sold for mostly \$27-28, long hots brought \$25 and medium poblanos from Mexico brought mostly \$19-21 while extra-large size jalapenos sold for mostly \$15-17.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher for \$24, with medium higher for \$24 also, while yellow straight-neck small-medium sold higher for \$24 with mediums \$28. 40-pound cartons of medium size butternut from Mexico sold higher for \$19-20.50, Mexico offerings of acorn from \$20-21 and spaghetti from \$17-18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Mexico of 5x5 size sold lower for \$22, and 5x6 mature green offerings from Florida sold lower for mostly \$32-34, while cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripens from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower for \$24. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Mexico sold for \$17-18, while grape type sold from \$19. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower for \$12-14.



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President Joe Biden signs executive orders on the economy in the State Dining Room of the White House, on Friday, in Washington. Vice President Kamala Harris looks on at left.

Biden's choice on econ aid: Deal with GOP or go for it all

By **JOSH BOAK** and **LISA MASCARO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden's ambitious opening bid, his \$1.9 trillion American Rescue economic package, will test the new president's relationship with Congress and force a crucial choice between his policy vision and a desire for bipartisan unity.

Biden became president this week with the pandemic having already forced Congress to approve \$4 trillion in aid, including \$900 billion just last month. And those efforts have politically exhausted Republican lawmakers, particularly conservatives who are panning the new proposal as an expensive, unworkable liberal wish-list.

Yet, Democrats, now with control of the House, Senate and White House, want the new president to deliver ever more sweeping aid and economic change.

On Friday, Biden took a few beginning steps, signing executive orders at the White House. But he also declared a need to do much more and quickly, saying that even with decisive action the nation is unlikely to stop the pandemic in the next several months and well over 600,000 could die.

"The bottom line is this: We are in a national emergency. We need to act like we're in a national emergency," he said. "So we got to move with everything we got. We've got to do it together. I don't believe Democrats or Republicans are going hungry and losing jobs, I believe, Americans are going hungry and losing jobs."

The limits of what Biden can achieve on his own without Congress was evident in the pair of executive orders he signed Friday. The orders would increase food aid, protect job seekers on unemployment, make it easier to obtain government aid and clear a path for federal work-

ers and contractors to get a \$15 hourly minimum wage.

Brian Deese, director of the White House National Economic Council, called the orders a "critical lifeline," rather than a substitute for the larger aid package that he said must be passed quickly.

All of this leaves Biden with a decision that his team has avoided publicly addressing, which is the trade-off ahead for the new president. He can try to appease Republicans, particularly those in the Senate whose votes will be needed for bipartisan passage, by sacrificing some of his agenda. Or, he can try to pass as much of his proposal as possible on a party-line basis.

Well aware of all that, Biden is a seasoned veteran of Capitol Hill deal-making and has assembled a White House staff already working privately with lawmakers and their aides to test the bounds of bipartisanship.

On Sunday, Deese, will meet privately with a bipartisan group of 16 senators, mostly centrists, who were among those instrumental in crafting and delivering the most recent round of COVID aid.

The ability to win over that coalition, led by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., will be central to any path, a test-run for working with Congress on a bipartisan basis.

"Any new COVID relief package must be focused on the public health and economic crisis at hand," Collins said in a Friday statement. She said she looks forward to hearing more about "the administration's specific proposals to assist with vaccine distribution, help keep our families and communities safe, and combat this virus so our country can return to normal."

The Biden team's approach could set the tenor for the rest of his presidency, showing whether he can provide the partisan healing that he called for in Wednesday's in-

augural address and whether the narrowly split Senate will prove a trusted partner or a roadblock to the White House agenda.

"The ball will be in Biden's court to decide how much he is going to insist on and at what cost," said William Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "As the old saw goes, you never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Most economists believe the United States can rebound with strength once people are vaccinated from the coronavirus, but the situation is still dire as the disease has closed businesses and schools. Nearly 10 million jobs have been lost since last February, and nearly 30 million households lack secure access to food.

One of the orders that Biden signed Friday asks the Agriculture Department to consider adjusting the rules for food assistance, so the government could be obligated to provide more money to the hungry. It also makes it easier for people to claim payments and benefits provided by the government. In addition, it would create a guarantee that workers could still collect unemployment benefits if they refuse to take jobs that could jeopardize their health.

Biden's second executive order would restore some union bargaining rights revoked by the Trump administration, protect the civil service system from changes made in the Trump years and promote a \$15 hourly minimum wage for all federal workers.

But neither of the orders would have the transformative potential of another round of Congress-passed stimulus. Biden's plan includes \$400 billion for national vaccinations and school reopenings, as well as direct payments of \$1,400 to eligible adults, state and local government aid and expanded tax credits for children and childcare.

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Mixed finish on Wall Street Worldwide rally takes a pause

By **STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE** and **ALEX VEIGA**
AP Business Writers

Wall Street tapped the brakes on its recent record-setting rally Friday with a mixed finish for the major stock indexes, though the S&P 500 still ended the week with its third weekly gain in four.

The benchmark index fell 0.3 percent, snapping a three-day winning streak, but notched a 1.9 percent gain for the week. The Nasdaq eked out another record high. So did the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies, which traders have been favoring amid expectations of stronger economic growth later this year.

The uneven finish for U.S. stock indexes followed a slide in global markets that began in Asia amid worries about resurgent coronavirus cases in China and weak economic data from Europe. In the United States, disappointing earnings reports from IBM and some other companies gave cover for investors to sell and book profits after big recent gains.

"The big picture is, it's still a pretty friendly environment for stocks," said David Lefkowitz, head of Americas equities at UBS Global Wealth Management. "The pandemic will wind down, you'll see a surge in corporate profits this year and the Fed made very clear they're not going to take the punch bowl away anytime soon."

Self-employment tax tips and basics

Going from "employee" to being your own boss brings some significant changes professionally and personally.

One of the most significant to become accustomed to is no longer having certain taxes neatly taken from your paycheck from your employer.

As a self-employed individual, not only are you responsible for directly submitting the income tax you owe to the federal, state and local governments, you're also responsible for paying self-employment tax.

According to IRS.gov, "Self-employment tax is a tax consisting of Social Security and Medicare taxes primarily for individuals who work for themselves. It is similar to the Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from the pay of most wage earners."

Similar to the FICA tax that wage earners working for employers pay, the self-employment tax rate for 2017 is 15.3 percent on your first \$127,200 of net income and then 2.9 percent on net income beyond that. Please meet with a local accountant to determine 2021 rates.

The rate consists of two parts: 12.4 percent for social security and 2.9 percent for Medicare. While employees only have 6.2 percent of the social



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security portion of FICA tax deducted from their paychecks (their employers pay the other half), self-employed individuals must remit the full 12.4 percent of the social security tax in addition to the full Medicare tax amount.

Most self-employed individuals, because their tax isn't withheld from paychecks, must estimate their self-employment and income tax amounts due and pay them on a quarterly basis.

Not paying the taxes on time or not paying enough could result in financial penalties.

According to SCORE-certified mentor Tim Frees, "It is important to keep your accounting records current so you know the amount of income (or loss) at any point in time. The actual

self-employment results should be compared to your budget to identify shortfalls in revenue and/or overspending. Monitoring actual results compared to your budget aids in identifying overspending and/or revenue shortfalls where corrective action and/or adjustments may be necessary."

Adjusting to planning for and paying self-employment tax doesn't come easily for all small business owners. It takes discipline and the ability to forecast revenue and expenses with some degree of accuracy.

"Having accurate and up-to-date accounting records is essential to project your self-employment quarterly income tax liability," says Frees. "A local accountant and/or CPA can assist you with income tax projections and the correct amount of quarterly income tax payments."

You can find more information about self-employment tax on the IRS.gov website.

Also be sure to check with your state and local governments about income tax requirements and due dates so you don't find yourself falling behind on those obligations.

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Photo provided / Dave Mull

A training collar has made teaching the young Lab Gracie a happier experience for writer Dave Mull – and Gracie, too.

The wonders of a training collar

Seems like inventors of certain items never get their due. Like, everyone knows that Al Bell invented the telephone and Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, but who invented television?

One person who I'd like to celebrate is whoever invented the training collar for dogs. A shock collar (as they are almost never called) has given me a new lease on training Gracie, the tightly wound, abandoned black Labrador retriever we adopted back in August. We learned that she'd been driven 20 miles from her home and purposely let go in a Menards parking lot. We never heard from the owner and decided to keep her, a decision that both Kathy and I have questioned occasionally over the past half year. She is a handful, to put it nicely.

As noted in previous columns, Gracie is the rare Lab that doesn't naturally want to do what you want her to do. I dreaded taking her for walks. If she was on the leash, she mostly dragged me around and pulled me off my feet a couple of times. Off the leash, I was likely to yell myself hoarse, calling her name as she trotted towards the horizon.

I was pretty sure a training collar would help, as I'd had some success training three hunting golden retrievers in years gone by. But I must have given my last one away or lost it.

Finally, one December morning I woke up, grabbed my phone and, with the same mindset as ripping off a Band-Aid, spent \$260 for one at gundogsupply.com.

The Garmin Tri-Tronics SPORT PRO model wasn't the most expensive or the cheapest. It has some features like built-in lights

Dave Mull



electrical stimulation either for a fraction of a second or for as long as you mash the button down. It also has a "bark limiter" setting that can deliver a corrective dose of electricity when the dog barks inappropriately.

So the afternoon of Christmas Eve, I put it on Gracie and her whole attitude instantly changed. I'd intended to just let her wear it on a couple of walks to get used to it before turning it on, but it seemed obvious she'd worn one in her previous life.

On our walk, collar still turned off, she actually stayed within sight awhile, but then started testing boundaries. So I caught up to her and pressed the button to turn it on. As soon as it beeped, I swear Gracie's eyes widened, and she almost said "Oh crap!" out loud. She knew it was armed and that ignoring me might be a bad idea.

For the rest of the walk we worked on three toots of the whistle and the "Here!" command. As advised by my Minnesota buddy Mark Strand, I applied "tone" until she came all the way to me and touched my hand. And with three blasts on the whistle, she'd come running at top speed.

Now we're working on one whistle blast to change direction to come back towards me, and she's getting it. I've only hit the "stim"

for walking the dog after dark that you could turn on and off with the remote transmitter. These make it easy to see where your dog is.

It also has a tone button, a vibrate button and "stim" buttons that deliver electrical stimulation either for a fraction of a second or for as long as you mash the button down. It also has a "bark limiter" setting that can deliver a corrective dose of electricity when the dog barks inappropriately.

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button a few times, once when she took off after a couple of deer, and more recently when she has ignored the whistle and tone. It's set on "4" which seems enough to get her attention—the highest setting is 10.

Some of my bird hunting buddies have offered insight to using a collar, for which I am grateful. The biggest tip is to use it to correct rather than to teach. In other words, make sure the dog knows what a command means, and then correct the pooch with sound or stimulation when it doesn't do what you ask.

One pal said never use it when you're mad at something the dog does. You use the collar to correct, not punish.

It definitely has changed my whole attitude about training this intelligent knucklehead and made our lives together a lot happier for both of us. She gets to run and burn what seems to be unlimited energy, and I don't have to yell or fear getting a shoulder separated by keeping her on a leash.

For sure, training needs to continue, but now I look forward to our daily sessions (often twice-daily sessions), and she does, too. My current challenge is to keep her calm enough to get the collar on her.

When she sees my take it out of the cabinet, she goes berserk in anticipation of going outside and training (not because she's afraid of it). We're getting to where she knows to sit still while I adjust it around her neck, and my hat is off to whoever invented this miraculous training tool.

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Stanford students aim to be youngest to conquer nearly 8,000-mile Triple Crown of hikes

By FAITH E. PINHO

Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — As a child, Sammy Potter asked his mother for an unusual birthday present: to go on a hike.

Now, Potter is getting more than he imagined — an anticipated nine-month trek with his best friend along three of America's most arduous trails: the Appalachian, Pacific Crest and Continental Divide.

Potter and Jackson Parell, both students at Stanford University, embarked on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia on New Year's Day, taking the first steps on a nearly 7,940-mile journey to become the youngest known hikers to finish the ambitious trek dubbed the Calendar Year Triple Crown.

It's "a massive, massive, massive thing to do. We're going to hike three trails in one year. Just that sentence is insane," said Potter, 21, who aims to complete the epic excursion before classes resume Sept. 20. "At this point, it's about putting one foot in front of the other."

The journey began Jan. 1 at Springer Mountain in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The trek will take the pair through Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire before ending at Baxter State Park in Maine.

The hikers aim to walk about 10 hours each day, briskly covering 32 miles at a time on average, but Potter said it was unclear whether they would be able to finish the Appalachian Trail — the shortest of the big three, at nearly 2,200 miles — in one pass. If snow or bad weather forces them off the trail in the Northern states, the hiking partners plan to move to one of the other routes before returning to complete the Appalachian.

"We'd rather have to do one, the other and the next," Potter said of the three extensive hikes, "but sometimes the weather doesn't allow it."

The other two trails are even more challenging. The 3,100-mile Continental Divide Trail reaches from Mexico to Canada, spanning New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. It traverses a variety of landscapes, from the dusty deserts of New Mexico to peaks of more than 13,000 feet in Colorado.

The Pacific Crest Trail winds along the West Coast — 2,650 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border in Rancho del Campo through the Angeles National Forest and Yosemite, up to the mountainous U.S.-Canada border.

Parell and Potter are no strangers to hiking. Since his childhood birthday wish, Potter has trekked several parts of the Appalachian Trail near his home in Yarmouth, Maine. Parell, who grew up in Hillsboro Beach, Fla., completed the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain in 2019.

"For me, there's really nothing more simple than getting on trail and walking every day," said Parell, who will turn 21 during this year's journey. "It's kind of just a nice reminder of how simple life can be if you choose to make it."

When the novel coronavirus erupted on campus in March, the Stanford schoolmates piled into a car and drove 18 hours straight to a friend's house in Jackson, Wyo., the closest place where they could isolate. All of them became infected with the coronavirus, circumstances that were "definitely a bonding experience," Parell said.

Riding out the pandemic amid restrictions that shut down California and moved all of Stanford's classes online, Potter longed for the great outdoors.

"I felt like I was living so much of my life through the screen," he said.

He picked up some nonfiction adventure books, which introduced him to the idea of the Calendar Year Triple Crown, and he was hooked.

"It kind of became this fantasy obsession of mine over the spring," Potter said. "Eventually, I realized that if this is going to be something that I ever want to do, there is never going to be a better time to do it."

While hiking with Parell on the difficult Presidential Traverse through New Hampshire's White Mountains over the summer, Potter enlisted his friend to join him on the Triple Crown adventure.

Both families fully endorsed the young men's plans. The Parells offered the ground floor of their cottage in New Hampshire as a situation room for planning the journey. The two friends traced their projected paths along the country's most difficult hiking trails, taping paper maps to the walls.

At Stanford, the students bonded during their sophomore year over their shared love of the outdoors, partnering for 20-mile runs to train for marathons. Once they committed to the massive 2021 trek, they worked out twice a day, building up strength to endure the arduous trip.

"As a parent, you want nothing more for even your adult child to be just happy and content and able to take a breath," said Nora Parell, Jackson's mother. "Sometimes I think we're going so quickly that we're not doing that and taking care of that side of ourselves."

Potter and Parell have planned each step of their journey down to their daily menu: pancakes or oatmeal for breakfast; mashed potatoes, quesadillas or rice and beans for dinner. They will need to consume about 5,000 calories each day of hiking to keep up their endurance. They have budgeted travel days between trails and for Parell's brother's wedding in July.

The two also have mapped out rest days about every two and a half weeks to give their feet a break, call their families and restock supplies, which they spent weeks during the fall and winter stockpiling. Each rest day is set to coincide with their arrival in a small town, just large enough for a post office, where their mothers will mail fresh supplies on a strict schedule their sons prepared.

"This is zero work for me," said Dina Potter, laughing, "other than going to the post office."

Parell joked the hiking partners have even calculated what to do if one of them is having a bad day: "If you ever do anything wrong on trail — something really bad — then you get assigned a 'silent day.' The other person can call a silent day on you whenever and wherever."

The first person reported to complete the Calendar Year Triple Crown, Brian Robinson, finished in 10 months in 2001. Since his inaugural hike 20 years ago, fewer than a dozen people have followed in his footsteps.

Heather Anderson, known on the trails as "Anish," became the first woman to complete the thru-hike two years ago. She had already hiked each of the three major routes twice and decided to challenge herself to complete them all in less than a year.

Strength restored, snowy owl flies north in Upper Peninsula

By BETSY BLOOM

Daily News (Iron Mountain)

IRON MOUNTAIN — In 30-plus years as a wildlife rehabilitator, Phyllis Carlson has had only three snowy owls.

One was in such rough shape it died before she got it off to her Quinnesec home. Another,

a male, was so emaciated she set it up in her office rather than one of the outdoor cages. It would watch her, curious, as she worked. Snowy owls usually have little past interaction with humans — some young birds may never have seen a person on their nesting grounds in the arctic — so often show

little fear.

That owl, which she dubbed Uller after the Norse god of winter and the hunt, did survive to be released. It was a success story she'd feared she'd not get to repeat — until recently.

Carlson took in a female snowy owl that had been "getting herself into some

risky situations" in Norway, including coming dangerously close to traffic, according to the Daily News of Iron Mountain.

Most snowy owls that venture south in winter are young birds, hatchlings from the previous summer. When lemmings and other prey are abundant, snowy owls

take advantage by upping the number of nestlings they raise, generating a wave of youngsters that strain local resources, leading them to disperse to find better hunting grounds.

Snowy owls normally are the heaviest of their kind in North America. But when these birds arrive

here, they've flown a long way from the tundra, using up whatever reserves they might have from summer. They're often thin, desperate to find food yet still developing their hunting skills in unfamiliar settings. A number of these young owls won't be around to make the trip back north.

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Still trying to find the motivation

Right now, there's a half-finished sandwich board sign in my garage. The legs are built and I have

Andy Steinke



the plywood for the soon-to-be-chalk-painted panels, but it's not put together yet. It's the kind of simple project that would be done already if it were summertime. But when winter hits, projects get much harder to complete.

My garage isn't insulated (or heated), so it stays cold, and the floor is often wet — either from condensation or melted snow off my wife's car. It's not exactly what you would call a motivating atmosphere.

A couple of winters back, I tried to remedy my malaise. I grabbed a forgotten torpedo heater from a barn on the homestead, and brought it home. After years of unuse, it wouldn't fire (naturally), so I replaced the fuel nozzle, fuel line and a couple other internal bits to bring it back to life.

By the time I bought the parts, had them shipped to me and bought fresh kerosene, I almost could've bought a new propane heater and attached it to the tank off my grill for the same price.

But the Reddy Heater still had life left, so it would've been a shame to scrap it. And the propane heater just wouldn't be the same.

Kerosene is one of two scents that remind me of winters on the farm (burning wood in the wood stove being the other). The kerosene heater was my dad's. He'd plug it in when he was creating something in the wood shop.

Just because the snow had arrived didn't mean people stopped adding projects to his list. That 35,000 Btu unit blasted out enough heat to keep the sawdust flying.

It's probably more than I need to warm my one-car garage, but it's easier to stay motivated when you don't have to wear a coat and your fingers aren't frozen together.

The older I get, the harder it seems to be to find the motivation to plug my heater in so I have the motivation to get my projects done.

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Jimmy (played by Jack Wielar) and Beth (Lauren Drexel) have a picnic in the park in this scene from "The Autumn Girl."

A tale of love and baseball

Locally shot film 'The Autumn Girl' now available on YouTube

By DAVID JOHNSON For The Herald-Palladium

THREE OAKS — "It's a beautiful fall day here in Three Oaks, Michigan."

So begins the short film "The Autumn Girl," released on YouTube late last month by Throwback Pictures.

An unseen play-by-play announcer continues to report on a Little League game between the Ironmen and the Landsharks while an elderly man in the stands looks on proudly as a player — later revealed to be his grandson — makes an over-the-fence catch to preserve a 1-0 Sharks lead.

The setting soon changes to an idyllic time "some 50 years earlier" where children ride bikes to a park, play ball in their street clothes, and visit a crowded soda fountain where the story's pivotal moment occurs.

"We shot the film back in October 2020, and it was simply a passion project that we wanted to do, as we love making movies," writer/director Kyle Misak said of the unrated movie with PG-13-level language.

A behind-the-scenes video that shows how the 19-minute film was made also is available on YouTube.

It's not the first time Misak and his Throwback Pictures crew (including producer/production designer Don Chase, cinematographer Jake Maxwell, and about 20 people working on the shoot, post-production, original music,



Jimmy, played by Jack Wielar, plays baseball in a scene from "The Autumn Girl."

Watch the film

Read this story online at www.TheHP.com/features to watch "The Autumn Girl."

sound, visual effects and more) have made movies here.

Other films they've shot in the Three Oaks area include "The House on Oak Street," "The Acorn" and the yet-to-be-released "The Eden Theory."

"It's very much a team effort," Misak said.

Set against the backdrop of sandlot baseball in the 1960s, "The Autumn Girl" protagonist Jimmy (played by Jack Wielar) faces a group of neighborhood bullies led by the in-your-face Vick (Gavin Bedall) while trying to win the heart of the girl of his dreams, Beth (Lauren Drexel).

Misak said the idea for the film was inspired by, "When you're a kid and you have a crush on a girl that's way out of your league." He said he also really liked the movie "The Sandlot" when he was growing up.

Also in the film is George Ellison, who plays Jimmy 50 years later, and Clutch (Jesse Charles), a local mechanic and mentor to Jimmy.

Misak said the actors (there are 31 credited cast members, along with 18 Ironmen and Landsharks players, and 28 extras) came from all over the country — West Virginia, Ohio, Georgia, Florida and California.

"We did auditions virtually online," he said, adding actors flew

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FALCONRY

Ancient form of hunting finds new devotees

By JASON NARK The Philadelphia Inquirer

GRANTVILLE, Pa. — The red-tailed hawk sat perched on the twisted limb of an old, dead tree, its eyes locked on the woman traipsing through the briars and thickets below.

Wherever Jade Chen went, Candy Corn followed. Sometimes Chen, 33, had to blow a small whistle around her neck to nudge him.

"Come on, boy," she said.

Chen wore a thick, leather glove called a gauntlet that extended up her arm, and when she raised it, Candy Corn swooped down through the forest in silence toward her.

Little bells on his talons jingled when he landed on her hand. Then he was off again, looking for a tree from which to best look at Chen.

"Let's find a rabbit," she said to the bird.

Chen, a Lansdale, Pa., native who lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa., is a second-year apprentice falconer, one of



Alejandro A. Alvarez / The Philadelphia Inquirer / TNS

Falconry apprentice Jade Chen releases her red-tailed hawk, Candy Corn, during an early January hunt in a wooded field in Grantville, Pa.

just 204 people in Pennsylvania licensed to take part in falconry, one of the world's most ancient forms of hunting.

Falconry's origins have been traced back thousands of years to Mongolia and Iran, considered both a high art and a way to find food. Falconry is unique in hunting because the bird, not its handler, is the hunter.

"I like to think of it as a working relationship," said Courtney Douds, a master falconer who lives in West Philadelphia and acts as Chen's "sponsor."

On this cold, dreary morning on a hilly property where she obtained permission to hunt, Chen is wearing thick chaps and boots and carrying a long staff that she'll use to beat the brush and, ideally,

flush a rabbit. Candy Corn would do the rest.

For a hunt to be successful, the raptor needs to be hungry and weighed daily. Chen has brought bits of quail, which she also weighed, to feed the bird, along with a live quail in case Candy Corn's hunt is unsuccessful. She warned the homeowner to put the chickens away.

"Oh, he'd take a chicken in a heartbeat," she said. "That would be an easy meal for him."

Unlike a hunting dog purchased from a breeder, falcons and hawks used for falconry are usually wild animals. Apprentices must trap, train, and care for them in home enclosures called mews during the season, which generally runs from late fall to spring.

One of the most popular traps is a "bal-chatri," an ancient, efficient design with nooses that ensnare the bird's legs as it tries to get the live bait inside. The

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What tax prep help is available this year?

Q Will there be tax preparation clinics this year given all the

Sara Duris Generations



older adults and those with disabilities.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide programs should be available starting in February.

If you made less than \$57,000 in 2020, and need assistance with your tax return, the trained VITA volunteers will prepare basic federal and state tax returns, as well as homestead property tax credit and home heating credit,

for low-income individuals, seniors and those with disabilities.

Complex tax returns, and those involving business pursuits, need to be completed through a tax preparation service.

This is the current information on VITA sites available:

■ Berrien and Cass counties: Sites still being determined. Call 211 in February, and the information should be available.

■ Van Buren County: Starting in February, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Freshwater Church, 600 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw. This site will start by taking walk-in/drop-off of tax paperwork. Taxes will be completed in a week.

The AARP program provides free in-person and remote tax assistance to anyone, with a special focus on taxpayers who are

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PET OF THE WEEK



Darby is calm and quiet, good with children, loves other dogs and ignores cats. Her elderly owner can no longer care for her. Darby is a very healthy 13-year-old Shih Tzu who likes cuddling on the couch but prefers her own bed at night. For more information, or to adopt her, call Becky from Animal Aid at 926-4279.

ANNIVERSARY

Roberts
25 years

Stan and Judy Roberts have celebrated their 25th anniversary.

E. Stanley Roberts and the former Judy Jo Fairchild were married Jan. 13, 1996, at the Methodist church in New Buffalo.

They are the parents of a blended family of four sons and three daughters. They have 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Judy is retired from nurs-



ing, and Stan is retired from the post office.

STEINKE

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I sit in my chair all day to work, so the projects are my motivation to get out of the house. But I’m starting to understand why my dad would come home from work every day, read the paper and take a nap in his La-Z-Boy before dinner: it’s easier than finding the motivation.

My new motivation to get the sign done is to tell you

all how I’ve fallen down on the job. If that doesn’t work, I’ll probably try giving myself a deadline. Deadlines usually work. Someone will need the sign to promote something soon, right? So I better get it done.

I just have to find the motivation ... and some screws.

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GENERATIONS

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50 or older or who have low to moderate income.

Volunteers are located nationwide, and are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code.

According to AARP’s website, tax help will be provided in safe environments using a variety of methods based on a number of factors, including where you are located, COVID-19 spread and volunteer availability.

Check for updated information and availability at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide.

Finally, if you are computer savvy, you can file your state and federal taxes online at www.myfreetaxes.com.

This free and safe service is a partnership between United Way and H&R Block and is now open to all income levels, individuals and families, unless you need to file schedule C, D or E. The site includes live tax support via email, chat or phone, to answer any questions you have.

The Region IV Area Agency on Aging’s Info Line for Aging and Disability – 800-654-2810 – will try to assist with information about tax preparation in our area as it comes available.

I thought Medicare paid for long-term care, and when that’s used up, then Medicaid pays for it. But my parents want to move into assisted living, and they are being told neither of these insurance options work.

A Medicare only covers the first 100 days of

care in a licensed, skilled nursing facility when an individual is admitted after a qualifying three-day hospital stay.

The first 20 days are completely covered, while days 21-100 have a co-insurance cost per day, unless the patient already has Medicaid or has a supplemental/ Medigap policy that covers the co-insurance.

Days 101 and beyond are private pay, or the individual will have Medicaid coverage moving forward.

Assisted living facilities, licensed or not, as well as adult foster care homes and homes for the aged, are not skilled nursing care providers and are not covered by Medicare. There are circumstances where an individual might qualify to have Medicaid coverage, or qualify to have some extra services paid for by the Medicaid Waiver, also known as the MI Choice program, but the room and board will always be the private pay responsibility of the resident.

It’s very important to understand all the costs associated with assisted living or adult foster care before moving into one, because care costs can increase as a person’s needs increase. If someone runs out of funds, they could end up having to move.

For more information about long-term care costs and the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver, call our info line at 800-654-2810, or visit areaagencyonaging.org.

Sara Duris is community information liaison of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

What are you waiting toward?

Progress is often seen as moving too slowly for those anticipating positive change that is coming. The weeks before Christmas feel like an eternity to children. Advent calendars came forth to help them keep perspective.

We are all impatient about suffering.

In January 1970, “Sesame Street” was banned in Mississippi because the human cast was integrated. Black performers Matt Robinson and Loretta Long as Gordon and Susan, respectively, appeared alongside white actors Jada Rowland and Bob McGrath. The children of “Sesame Street” were also ethnically diverse.

In 1970, females weren’t allowed to wear slacks to school.

On Aug. 26, 1970 – 50 years after women were granted the right to vote – 50,000 “feminists” linked arms to block New York City’s Fifth Avenue during rush hour. The desired positive change was dismantling the masculine domination of virtually all of the nation’s systems: industry, unions, professions, military, universities.

Certainly, 50 years in the course of an individual lifetime is significant. However, as the lyrics of Donovan’s “The Little Church” remind

us: If you want your dream to be / take your time, go slowly / Do few things, but do them well / heart-felt work grows purely.

Only five women throughout history had made it to a major party’s primary debate stage before Kamala Harris was elected the United States’ first female vice president and the highest-ranking female elected official in U.S. history. She’s also the first Asian American and first Black vice president.

After the global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, 2021 has been referred to as the light at the end of the tunnel.

We have been through so much, and we are navigating a lot. It’s vital to have patience and perseverance.

All good things are worth waiting toward. Waiting *toward* something is different than waiting *for* something. A child waits *for* Christmas in anticipation of what he or she will receive.

Feminists saw inequality, spoke the dream waiting *toward* a more just society. The anticipation in waiting

Debra
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Insights



toward is about what can be given to the whole earth and all of its inhabitants.

I lived through segregation. I waited *toward* integration of public schools in Southwest Michigan.

Many aspects of equality are still on the horizon.

In 2007, Dr. Dean Ornish, the first doctor to prove scientifically the prevention and reversal of chronic diseases with lifestyle changes, was asked how he thought integration of this information was going. He said he was amazed at how far it has come, and appalled at how long it is taking.

I founded the Holistic Alliance more than 20 years ago. Many aspects of holistic health and wellness are still on our horizon.

I think you will agree, Donovan was correct about choosing a few things and doing them well.

Regardless of how you have been effected by the past, including the past 50 years, make this year what really matters. As a rebel with many causes, I was the first individual in my life to ban smoking in my home about 45 years ago, and the first person in my life to recycle.

When you think about simple ways the world has changed (humans walking dogs and picking up poop

comes to mind), notice what you are waiting *toward*.

Play a round or two of “In a Perfect World.” You don’t have to know the how, just notice the hopes and dreams in your heart and mind.

Get the young people in your lives involved in this game. After all, our thoughts and attitudes today are their legacy tomorrow.

In a perfect world, energy and food production are sustainable.

In a perfect world, integrity and respect are modeled by all in leadership, including parents.

In a perfect world, race and gender differences are noticed as added beauty.

In a perfect world, wisdom and loving kindness are standard operating procedure.

In a perfect world, collaboration and cooperation are the keys to ingenuity and accomplishment.

In a perfect world, waiting forward is our heartfelt work.

Today’s Insights was written by the Rev. Debra Basham, author of “Stories of My Heart.” Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

The monthly Community Unity Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at **Road to Life Church**, 3800 Niles Road, St. Joseph. The services, which feature speakers and worship teams from local church, are held the last Friday of the month. The goal of the services is “to focus on God, family, community and neighborly love,” organizer Sherry

O’Donnell said. Attendees will be asked to answer health questionnaires, temperatures will be taken, and face masks will be required.

Tru Dat Praise and Worship Ministry will perform during Worship Night at 6 p.m. tonight at **The Anchor Church of God**, 5020 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville.

Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will host a free drive-in movie night at 6 p.m. Jan. 30. The movie is yet to be determined. There will be popcorn on hand, and a pre-show that starts at 5 p.m.

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FILM

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or drove in and stayed in the area during the four days of filming.

Misak said he loves period films because it’s fun to create different looks for an era with hair and makeup, set designs, clothing and, in the case of “The Autumn Girl,” automobiles.

Misak said Chase put him in touch with members of a local car club (the Michiana Cruisers). He went to a club event and found members who were willing to include some of their classic rides in the outdoor scenes.

“It was shot in a way that was complimentary of the era by the lenses that we chose and the locations that we picked,” Misak said.

Those locations included downtown Buchanan and a baseball field near the community’s high school; Doc’s Soda Fountain at the Hesston Steam Museum in northern Indiana; the



Photo provided

Cast and crew ready to film a scene for “The Autumn Girl” on a bridge in Buchanan.

harbor breakwater at New Buffalo’s public beach; Zabel’s Auto & Tire Services in Three Oaks; and rural

roadways near the titular village.

Misak said work on another short film is planned for

the near future before work on a feature called “Kelp” begins in the summer or early fall.

FALCONRY

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bird must be a “passage juvenile,” meaning it is about to enter its first winter and is generally smaller than an adult.

Candy Corn, Chen said, is likely 6 to 8 months old.

“You drive around, look for birds in open fields or on telephone wires, and you just pull over and throw the trap,” Chen said.

Apprentices become general falconers after two years of training and later are named masters. Falconers in the upper ranks are able to buy birds from licensed breeders or sometimes remove them from nests.

A red-tailed hawk can cost up to \$1,000, but Chen said most falconers trap them. The process is regulated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and federal Fish and Wildlife laws apply to most of the birds because they are migratory.

In some rare instances, with the right permit, falconers can keep large golden eagles, which can be used to hunt red fox, formidable predators on their own.

“To see the amount of power a 10-pound golden eagle can generate is a sight to behold,” said Patrick Miller, eastern director for the Pennsylvania Falconry & Hawk Trust, a statewide group that runs annual meets and advocates for hunting with the birds.

Miller helped Chen trap Candy Corn in the fall. He also keeps a red-tailed hawk, which is even-keeled, more used to humans and development, the “Ford truck” of the raptor family. He’s also worked with northern goshawks, which he likened to “Ferraris,” very fast and formidable, but also high-maintenance.

Falconry itself requires a degree of maintenance that weeds out the merely curious, Miller said. The hawks and falcons, no matter how long a falconer has worked with them, are never pets and require daily attention.

The entire relationship between bird and human is based on food and positive reinforcement, the whole reason why a bird, once released by the falconer, doesn’t simply fly away. (That does happen on occasion.)

“The love is always one-way,” he said. “They don’t wag their tails when they see you. They want you to give them food and go away.”

Even wild hawks and falcons, Miller said, will use humans to secure a meal. They’ll gather when farmers cut hay, which flushes game.

When he first takes a bird out on a hunt, Miller said, he will let it gorge on food: “You find prey for your bird, [and] your relationship with that animal is sealed in blood.”

Falconry can also be dangerous for the handler. A red-tailed hawk’s talon grip is 200 pounds per square inch. The average grip of a man in his early 20s is 100 psi.

Chen, a tattoo artist, said an earlier hawk she was training dug its talons into her knuckle, piercing bone, and resulting in an infection that landed her in the hospital.

“That was a rookie mistake,” she said.

Although there are occasional run-ins with the public or animal rights groups over the trapping, Miller said the process is usually harmless and often helps the bird survive a very precarious

period in what is typically a short life, often less than 10 years. Falconers often allow their birds to return to the wild after a year.

“Of the birds born this year, 88 percent will die,” he said. “We’re giving them a year of safety, of free room and board and training.”

On this January morning, Chen flushed a rabbit, but Candy Corn didn’t see it. Instead, he found a vole, diving with wings tucked into the brush to gobble it up. Chen was disappointed. The meal meant Candy Corn wouldn’t be as keen on looking for rabbits. Still, she fed him pieces of quail on a leather “lure” to reward and reinforce, and the live quail in her bag lived to die another day.

Chen, who became enamored of the sport when she adopted a dog from a falconer, will graduate to a general falconer in August, and masters say she’ll be committed for life like the rest of them.

“Hunting is like riding a car and falconry is like riding a motorcycle,” said Mike Dupuy, a master falconer from Snyder County. “Of all the hunting sports, it’s the most Zenlike.”

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Don't put Capitol rioters on no-fly list

If you've seen videos of people who took part in the U.S. Capitol riot weeping in shock after being barred from boarding their flights home, you may feel as Oscar Wilde did upon reading a tragic passage from a Charles Dickens novel: "One must have a heart of stone to read the death of little Nell without laughing." But *schadenfreude* is not a good basis for government policy.

In the aftermath of the horrifying Jan. 6 rampage, the Transportation Security Administration said it was "processing hundreds of names with law enforcement agencies for a thorough risk assessment," with an eye toward putting some of them on the federal no-fly list. Incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer thinks anyone who was inside the Capitol building should be kept off of airliners. "We cannot allow these same insurrectionists to get on a plane and cause more violence and more damage," he said. It's an understandable reaction to a poisonous attack on our elected representatives and our democratic

system. But it would also be a gross and dangerous expansion of an ill-conceived program with a record of errors and abuses. The list was created as a way of preventing terrorists from hijacking planes as a handful of fanatics did on 9/11. Its value was always doubtful, because tighter screening at airports, reinforced cockpit doors, air marshals and a ban on knives have virtually eliminated the chance of such takeovers. These days, the worst thing a jihadist could do on a plane is remove his mask. TSA says those banned are "a small subset of the U.S. government Terrorist Screening Database (also known as the terrorist watchlist) that contains the identity information of known or suspected terrorists." Note that the no-fly list is not meant to cover ordinary criminals, nut cases or congregants in the Cult of Trump. It's supposed to block only people on the terrorist watchlist – and not even all of them. In practice, it has snared some people who posed no evident threat. In December, the Supreme Court allowed three Muslim men who were put on the list for refusing to become FBI informants to sue the responsible agents. The American Civil Liberties Union

has represented clients who were blocked from flying for years, even though they had never been convicted of a crime – some of whom the government eventually approved to fly. The no-fly list is secret, and as of 2016, it reportedly contained some 81,000 people, including about 1,000 who were U.S. citizens or legal residents. From those figures, we can deduce that being a convicted criminal, even a violent one, does not prevent you from traveling by commercial airline any more than it prevents you from legally taking a train, driving a car, riding the subway or hiking the Appalachian Trail. Felons can even get pilot's licenses. There is no obvious reason that people who invaded the Capitol deserve to be singled out. Does someone who forced his way into a congressional office and stole items pose a greater risk than someone who broke into a house and made off with a laptop? Is someone who smashed a window to enter the Capitol building more likely to try to hijack a plane than someone who smashed a window to protest the killing of George Floyd? There's a problem that Schumer and Co. might consider before proceeding: If the no-fly list

becomes a way of punishing people for violating laws, a lot of Americans stand to lose. Should someone be kept off airliners for joining a Black Lives Matter march that ends with some protesters throwing rocks? If we're going to have a no-fly list, it ought to target potential terrorists, not every mope who lands in the joint. How airlines deal with passengers they deem disruptive or threatening, of course, should be largely up to them. After the riot, Alaska Airlines permanently banned 14 customers because they were "non-mask compliant, rowdy, argumentative, and harassed our crew members." Other airlines took similar actions against dozens of unruly passengers. Like any private company, airlines are entitled to banish patrons who make a nuisance of themselves. People who committed serious crimes on Jan. 6 can be prosecuted, convicted and incarcerated, some of them for many years. But that's no reason to decree that anyone who invaded the Capitol should be literally grounded for life. The government has plenty of ways to punish those who broke the law. The no-fly list shouldn't be one of them. *Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.*

Get ready for 4 years of media sycophancy

On Sunday, Jan. 17, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris sat down with Jane Pauley of CBS News "Sunday Morning." Pauley treated Harris to a full-on journalistic massage. At no point was Harris asked a tough question; at no point was Harris treated as anything other than an idol worthy of worship. Perhaps the most awkward manifestation of this sycophancy came when Harris – an extraordinarily and transparently manipulative and mechanical politician – spouted a canned speech about relentlessness. "I was raised to not hear no – let me be clear about it," said Harris. "I eat no for breakfast!"

This prompted a spasm of ecstasy from Pauley, who immediately reflected Harris' bizarrely inappropriate laughter with an enormous grin of her own. It will be four long years. For four years, the media complained that outgoing President Donald Trump treated them as an enemy. They self-servingly claimed that they were *actually* the protectors of democracy and individual rights. It took all of one month after Trump's inauguration for The Washington Post to add the slogan "Democracy Dies in Darkness" to its masthead. By October 2017, CNN began running ads explaining that it was all about "Facts First."

Trump, for his part, attacked the media whether they deserved it or not: Every disparaging headline, true or not, became "fake news." That was unjustified and wrong, obviously. But the media's lack of credibility wasn't solely attributable to Trump. It resulted from their own journalistic malfeasance for years on end during former President Barack Obama's administration – "his only scandal was wearing a tan suit!" – followed by their aggressive repetition of even the most thinly sourced scandal regarding Trump. And now we'll return to the gaslighting of the Obama era, when members of the Obama team could openly *admit* to lying to the media, only to receive obsequious praise in return. Already, media outlets are praising the new-found veracity of Biden's press team – despite the fact that Jen Psaki, Biden's White House press secretary, was accused of openly and explicitly lying to the media in 2016. Media members are even admitting that the vacation has begun: CNN's Jim Acosta – and, ladies, find you a man who loves you like Jim Acosta loves Jim Acosta – admitted that he'd be covering Biden differently, explaining, "If being at the White House is not an experience that might merit hazard pay ... then perhaps it is going to be approached differently."

Of course, Acosta never needed hazard pay. He was too busy declaring himself a hero and preening for the cameras while pulling down a lucrative book contract. But now that the Biden administration is a reality, our media can go back to sleep. And so, the controversies of the day will turn to the trite. The big question won't be governmental oversight but media self-policing: Last week, the media were consumed with the vital question of whether Vogue magazine's cover of Harris is respectful enough, given that it shows her wearing her trademark Converse sneakers. Other major controversies to come will include just how cute Joe Biden's dog is and whether the racial diversity of his Cabinet is merely important or *super* important. Meanwhile, the same media outlets that act as stenographers for the Democratic Party will insist that other outlets meet with social media censorship. After all, American needs unity! And that unity can only be provided by the same people who have wrecked all pretense of institutional objectivity in the pursuit of partisan outcomes. People will continue to seek information from alternative sources, of course. But that will only provoke the media to seek new methods of repressing those alternatives. As it turns out, the commitment of many in our media isn't to truth or facts. It's to monopolistic control.

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Expand Earned Income and Child tax credits

Editor,
At the United Way of Southwest Michigan, we fight for ALICE. Standing for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, ALICE are the women and men who work hard at low-wage jobs yet can barely make ends meet. They find it nearly impossible to cover even essentials such as food, transportation to and from work, childcare and electric bills. One way we help struggling workers in our community is by connecting them with the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit. Our region is facing severe economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, whose fallout will persist for some time. The EITC encourages work, boosts incomes and reduces poverty among family with children. Expanding the EITC for childless adult workers would supplement the limited earnings of struggling workers doing essential jobs including preparing food, providing in-home health services, childcare as well as handling, packaging and transporting goods. Because these workers are largely excluded from the EITC, they are the only group in our country that is taxed into poverty. This situation makes it even harder for workers to pay their bills today and build the financial stability they need to succeed in the future. Policymakers are thanked for making a change in the EITC and CTC design to make them more effective during the current downturn. When the economy weakens, families lose their income and newly qualify for the EITC, which helps them stabilize their income. To address this problem, filers can use their income from 2019 or 2020 when calculating their 2020 EITC and CTC. The EITC and CTC are effective policies for stimulating a weak economy. They stimulate the economy because lower-income people tend to spend rather than save what modest income they have in order to meet basic needs. We urge Sen. Stabenow, Sen. Peters, and Congressman Upton to let the rest of Congress know the



EITC and CTC are important to the people of the state and make a difference in our lives. **Heather Cole**
Director of Advocacy and Public Innovation
United Way of Southwest Michigan

Please signal when making a turn

Editor,
After 57 years of teaching drivers education and many road tests, my brother-in-law retired from it all. One thing he commented on, and quoting him, was: "Drivers need more turn signal fuel, if you know what I mean!" I thought that hit the nail on the head. Please be courteous and considerate. Use your turn signals. **Linda Kubash**
St. Joseph

Senate should bar Trump from running again

Editor,
In the Nov. 14, 2016, edition of The Herald-Palladium, I authored a letter in response to Donald Trump's post-election request

to "come together as one united people." I stated in that letter, "The best I can do is evaluate each part of his program as it is proposed and explained. I will approach this process based on what I believe is best for America." Now, more than four years later and as Trump exits office, I offer evaluations of some of his key actions. The tax cut he pushed through Congress mostly benefitted the rich and increased the disparity in the wealth distribution of this country. As the president said to some of his billionaire buddies shortly after implementation: "I just made you all a lot richer." His policy of family separation of immigrants seeking asylum as a means of controlling requests for such entry was and continues to be one of the most heartless and disgusting programs ever conceived. President Trump's attempts to eliminate the Affordable Care Act without any well-defined alternative that improves availability of healthcare represents blind adherence to an egregious campaign promise. Trump lied to the American people about almost every aspect of the COVID-19 viral pandemic, and

once the obvious truths surrounding the dangers became apparent, refused to take a leadership role in stemming the tide of death and economic destruction this event has caused. Following his defeat in the Nov. 3 election, Trump has continued to declare that the election was stolen because of election fraud. This constant drumbeat has played despite the lack of evidence that such a situation exists. The culmination of his campaign of lies resulted in a violent, seditious attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 by a mob of his supporters incited by his constant inflammatory rhetoric. What Donald J. Trump has accomplished during his term was to leave our country with a wounded economy, an overwhelmed health care system and a fascist-leaning body of supporters that await his call to action. For the latter, President Trump deserves his second impeachment, which needs to be affirmed by the Senate, along with a vote that prohibits him from holding any elective office in the future. **Ed Shaffer Galien**

ANOTHER OPINION

A new viral threat, but still time to act

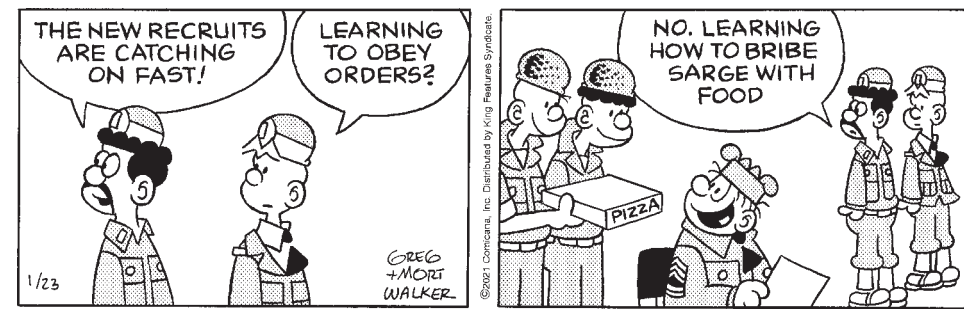
Dr. Scott Gottlieb, who headed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under President Donald Trump until 2019, was one of the first experts to call out the slow development of COVID-19 testing in the United States. Now the prescient Gottlieb is sounding the alarm again, and Americans ought to take heed. This time, it's about a new, more transmissible variant of the COVID virus. It has sent cases surging in Britain and could do the same on this side of the Atlantic. "As current epidemic surge peaks, we may see 3-4 weeks of declines in new cases but then new variant will take over. It'll double in prevalence about every week," said Gottlieb in a grim Twitter thread on Sunday. "It'll change

the game and could mean we have persistent high infection through spring until we vaccinate enough people." The statement was especially noteworthy because of who Gottlieb was replying to – then-U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams. Apparently trying to boost morale, Adams had pointed to a modest recent national decline in COVID hospitalizations and asked Americans to stay the course for another "rough" two to three weeks. The reality is that a longer haul could loom as the virus circulates, and although the new United Kingdom strain doesn't appear to cause more severe illness, it could be up to 70 percent more transmissible, according to a Jan. 5 report in the Lancet Respiratory Medicine

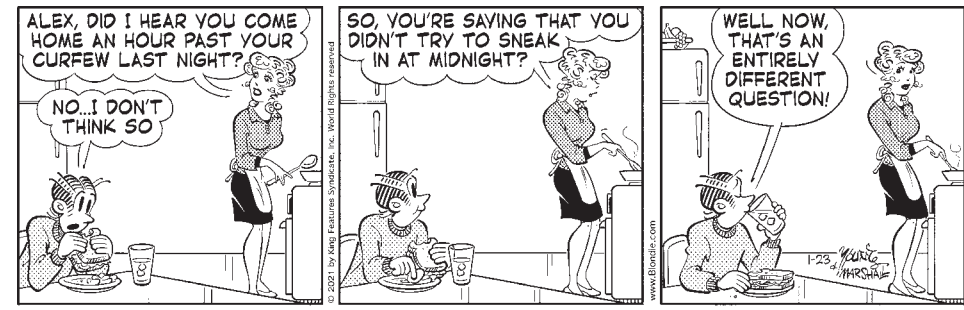
journal. Infectious disease experts are also monitoring other variants. While the new COVID vaccines appear to be effective against the U.K. strain and others, vaccine supplies remain limited. There's a potential for the U.K. variant to spread faster than people can be immunized. That's risky when COVID is still circulating at high levels in many countries, including the United States. Federal health officials are also sounding the alarm about the U.K. strain, warning late last week that it could become the "dominant source of infection" in six to eight weeks, the Times reported. The variant has been detected in multiple U.S. states. While the Upper Midwest's

late fall and early winter COVID surge has ebbed, the declining case numbers carry no guarantee against this region becoming a hot spot again. The U.K. variant's risks add urgency to rolling out existing vaccine supplies more efficiently and elsewhere and finding new ways to produce more. But the responsibility to act doesn't just lie with the new administration or vaccine manufacturers. Individuals continue to have a vital role in halting COVID transmission, and there is still a window of opportunity for responsible decisions – masking, distancing and avoiding risky settings – to slow the new variant's spread. Said Gottlieb: "We need to buy time while we ... vaccinate." *— (Minneapolis) Star Tribune*

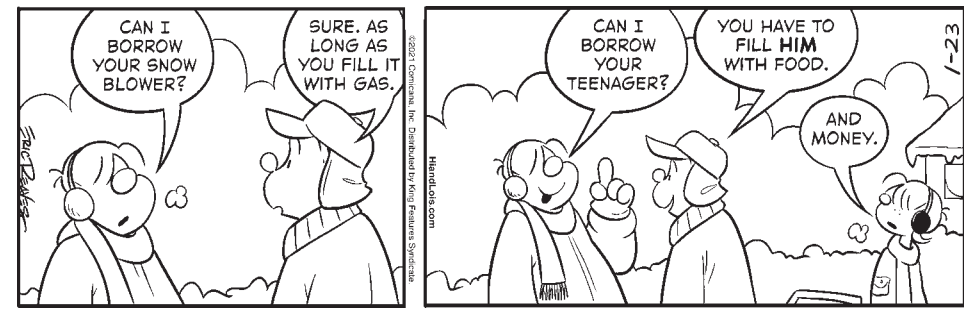
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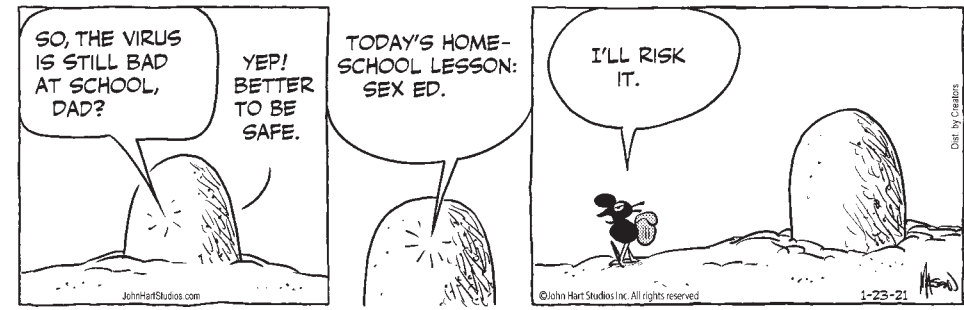
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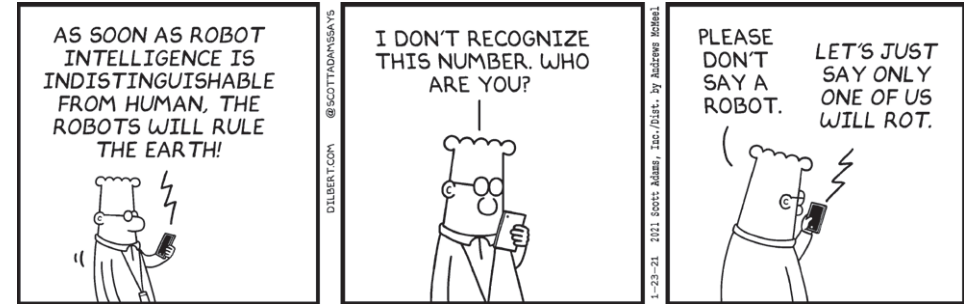
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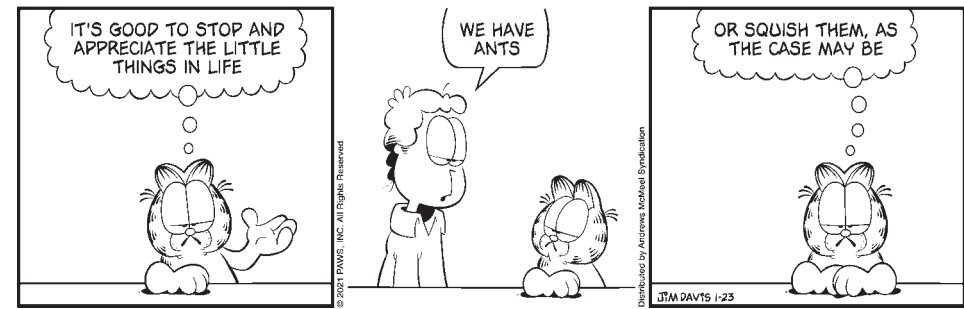
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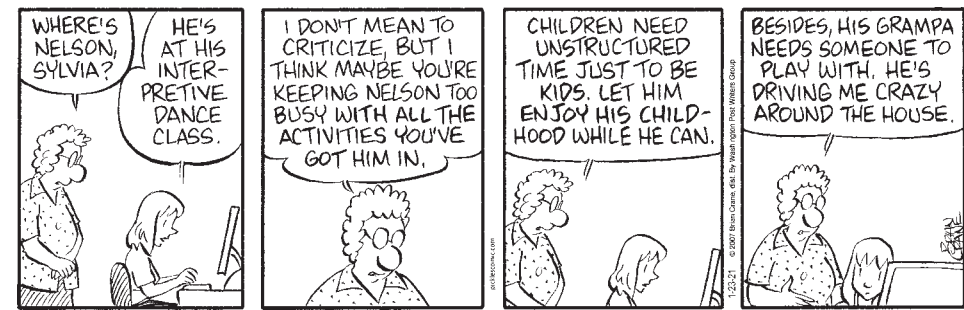
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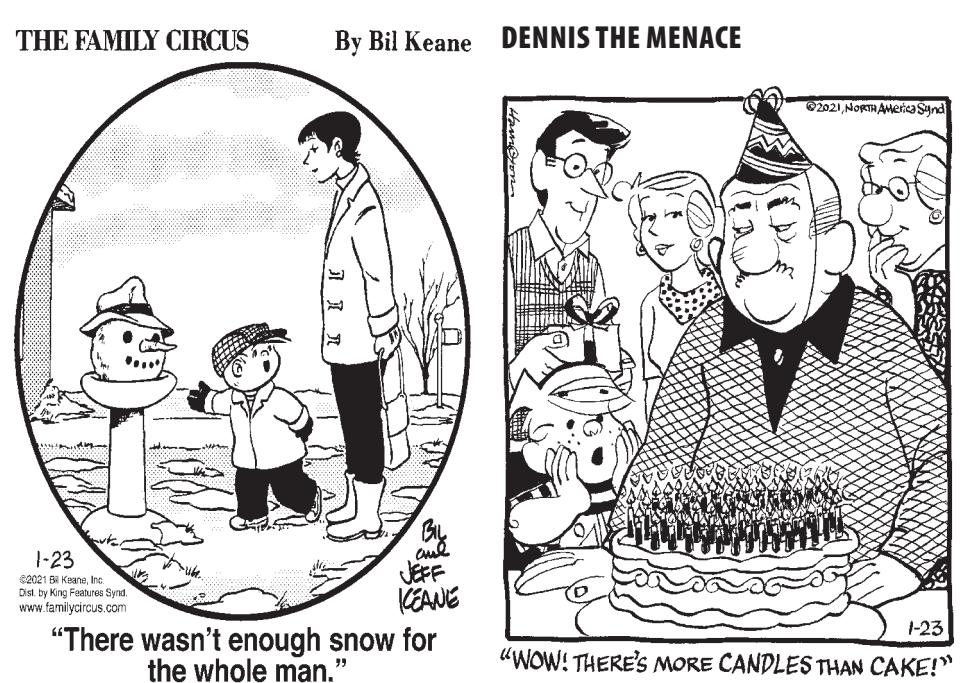
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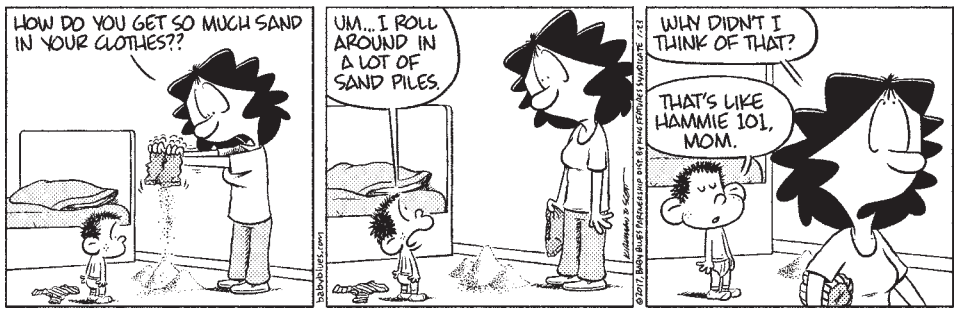
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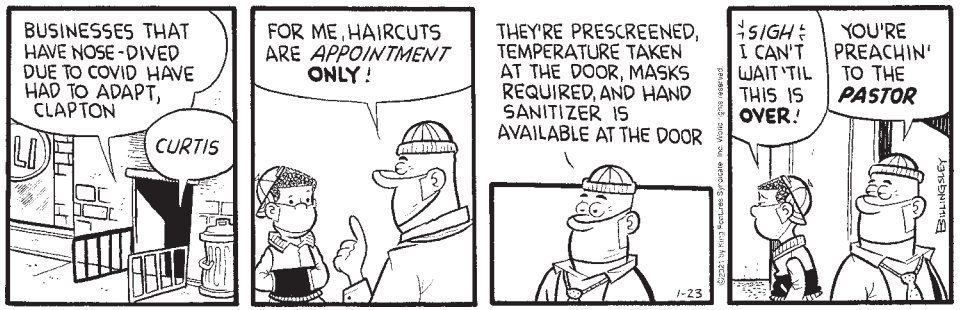
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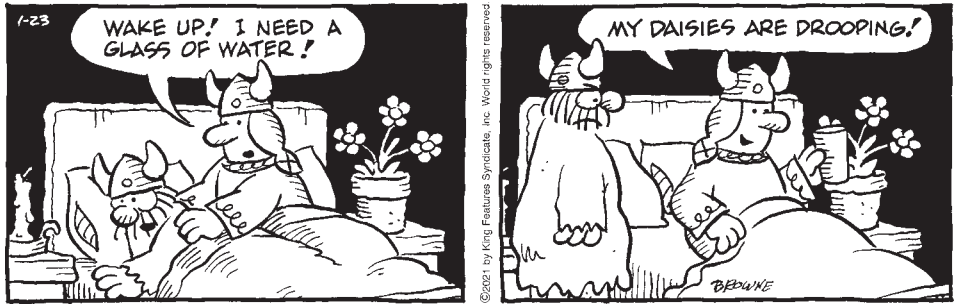
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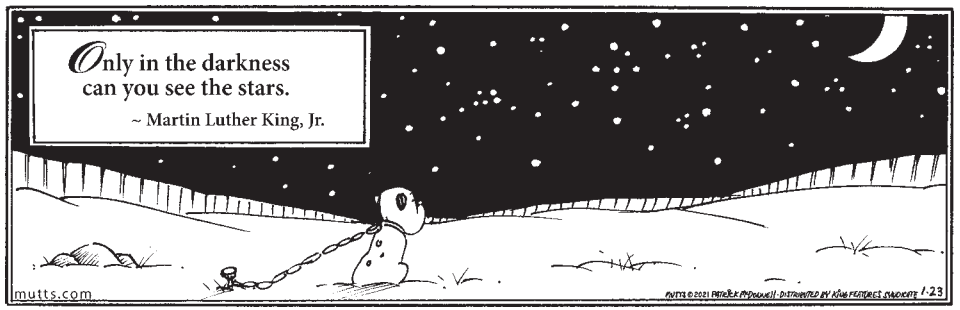
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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING JAN. 23							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune		The Chase "I Heard You're a GOAT"		Big Sky Cassie visits Merilee.	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Paid Program	NCIS: Los Angeles "Yellow Jack"		S.W.A.T. A lone gunman targets women.		48 Hours	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games		Dateline NBC (N)		Saturday Night Live (N)	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	To Be Announced	9-1-1 "The New Abnormal"		9-1-1: Lone Star "Back in the Saddle"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N)	
PBS (34)	6:00 Moments to Remember (My Music)		John Denver: Country Boy		Bee Gees One for All Tour – Live		
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News	Friends
MNT (50)	Graham Bensinger	Dateline An ordinary night ends in murder.		Dateline "The Unusual Suspect"		Storm of Suspicion	
WCIU (26)	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries	
WGN (9)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	Jack Reacher	*** Jack Reacher: Never Go Back ('16, Action) Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Aldis Hodge.					Jack Reacher
AMC	:00 *** True Lies ('94, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Arnold.	*** The Rock ('96)					
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls-Parole			Pit Bulls and Parolees "Earl's Path" (N)		
BET	Jumping	*** Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ('08)					Tyler P
Big Ten	TBA	To Be Announced				Campus	Drive
Bravo	5:13 Speed	7:46 *** The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.				*** The Proposal	
Cartoon	Gumball	Final Sp.	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Be-hind-Lines	*** The Doors ('91) Val Kilmer. Jim Morrison forms a band and turns tragic 1960s rock star.					John Wick 3
CMT	:00 *** Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05) Brad Pitt.						The Guardian
CNBC	Boss	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed	
CNN	News	Newsroom-Pam		CNN Special Report		President in Waiting	
Comedy	*** Wedding Crashers ('05) Owen Wilson.						Couples Retreat ('09)
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Battle of the Backwoods"			Moonshiners		Moonshiners
Disney	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Galveston	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Next Frdy	*** Friday After Next ('02) Ice Cube.				Knocked Up	
ESPN	Basket	UFC 257: Poirier vs. McGregor - Prelims (N)				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				College Basketball	
ESPNc	Basket	College Basketball				College Basketball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Pistons				Pistons	Pistons	Spotlight
Freefrm	:45 *** Mulan ('98, Children's) Voices of Ming-Na Wen, Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong.	9:50 *** WALL-E ('08)					
FX	Fate of Furious	*** Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black.					Logan ('17)
Golf	PGA Champions				Central		PGA Golf
Hallmark	:00 A Winter Princess ('19) Natalie Hall, Chris McNally.	A Winter Getaway ('21) Nazneen Contractor, Brooks Darnell. (P).					
HBO	5:45 Battleship	*** Don't Let Go ('19) David Oyelowo. (P).			Painting With John	:05 Real Time With Bill Maher	
History	Brothers	Band of Brothers			:18 Band of Brothers	Brothers	
HGTV	Dream	Chateau		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				1000-Lb. Sisters (N)	
Lifetime	Sister Act 2: Back	*** Salt-N-Pepa ('21) G.G. Townson, Laila Odum. (P). The journey of Cheryl Salt James and Sandra Pepa Denton.					
MSNBC	Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls.				Postgame	
NFL	6:00 NFL Football Teams TBA.			NFL Football Teams TBA.			
Nick	Loud	Danger	Hustle	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life	Life and Death Row		Life and Death Row		Life and Death Row	
Oxygen	One Deadly	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered A state trooper tries to clear his name.				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered	
Parmt	*** Bad Boys ('95) Martin Lawrence.					:15 *** Bad Boys II	
Showtime	:00 *** Full Metal Jacket ('87) Matthew Modine.	Boxing Angelo Leo vs. Stephen Fulton. (N) (L)					
Starz	6:44 *** Brooklyn's Finest ('09) Richard Gere.	American Gods "Serious Moonlight"		* Blumhouse's Fantasy Island ('20)			
STZENC	:29 *** Airplane! ('80) Robert Hays, Julie Hagerty.	*** Tremors ('90, Horror) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward.		Vertical Limit ('00)			
SyFy	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen		*** Transformers: The Last Knight ('17, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins. (DVS)				
TBS	6:30 *** The Ugly Truth ('09)	*** Crazy Rich Asians ('18, Romance-Comedy) Constance Wu, Henry Golding. (DVS)					
TCM	5:30 Red River	*** Out of the Past ('47) Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer. (DVS)				*** The Night of the Hunter	
TMC	:25 *** The Samaritan ('12) Samuel L. Jackson.	The Tortured ('10, Suspense) Erika Christensen.		House-Cemetery			
TNT	Star Wars: The Empire Strikes			8:52 Star Wars: Return of the Jedi			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Nation		Ghost Nation		Kindred Spirits	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men
USA	6:00 *** Robin Hood ('18)	*** San Andreas ('15, Action) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.					
VH1	:00 *** ATL ('06) Tip Harris.	*** Save the Last Dance					
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	NewsNation (N) (L)		NewsNation (N) (L)		NewsNation (N) (L)	

Stressed hospital nurse fears consequences of speaking up

DEAR ABBY: I have been a nurse for 10 years and love taking care of my patients. I have worked at a midsize hospital for 2 ½ years.

Since I started working here, we have been assigned six or seven patients at a time, although I was told when I was hired they were going to hire enough nurses to have a 4-to-1 ratio. It not only hasn't happened, but the administration keeps piling on paperwork for the nurses to complete.

I have anxiety, and this is about to cause me to break. I love my job, and I don't want to leave. I just wish they would be more considerate of their nurses instead of making them feel like I do right now, which is wanting to find something else.

Should I say something to my charge nurse about how I'm feeling? I'm afraid if I do, I'll be pushed out of this job. Adding to my anxiety is that my daughter now works at the same facility, and I'm afraid if I say anything they will punish her. Please offer

me your advice. – Anxious R.N. In Alabama

DEAR ANXIOUS R.N.: Because you feel the stress is becoming too much, I do think you should address it with your charge nurse. It's the truth. Because the pandemic has increased the workload on all medical caregivers, you are far from alone in feeling overwhelmed.

When you speak up, do not couch it in terms of the fact that your employers haven't followed through on their promises. Do it strictly in terms of the effect it is having on you. I doubt you will be fired, because experienced nurses are in such high demand right now. However, if you are let go and your daughter is questioned about it, all she should say is that the workload and the stress became too much for YOU. Speaking your truth should be no reflection on her.

DEAR ABBY: New neighbors moved into my apartment building about a month ago. I don't mind that sometimes I hear their kids. I don't mind that sometimes I hear the adults. BUT! Their alarm clock wakes me up every morning at 6 a.m. It's loud, and I'm guessing it's up against the adjoining

wall.

Normally, I sleep until 8. I work from home, and I'm usually up until 1 a.m. or so. I'm a night owl, and I simply can't go to sleep any earlier.

It's impossible to sleep through their alarm. It has been weeks. I am afraid if I complain they will call me a racist since I am white, and they are black. But it's NOT a race thing; it's a SLEEP thing. What should I do? – Sleepless In Baltimore

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Write a polite note to the new neighbors and introduce yourself. Explain the problem you are experiencing and ask if they can help you by either moving their alarm clock to a different part of their bedroom or adjusting the ring to make it softer. (It could be as simple as placing their clock on a soft surface like a towel.) If they are unwilling to cooperate, as a last resort try earplugs and talk to the building manager about the noise problem.

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Mom dangles monetary gift but doesn't follow through

DEAR CAROLYN: I am fortunate that my 90-year-old mother is both financially well off and still physically able. Her mental capacities are starting to fade, though.

For several months now, she has told me and my two siblings that she'd like to give each of us \$10,000, as she'd like to see us enjoy part of our inheritance now. As she puts it, "I have it, it's just sitting around, why not give it to you?"

All three of us are anxiously awaiting this money, as we can use it for bills or projects that we've been putting off.

Then she'll drop hints that she wants a better Christmas present or more phone calls, that she's lonely, that all her friends have died. Then she'll admit her memory is fading. And then nothing happens for a month, and she starts the process all over again.

You've been clear in the past that it's her money, she can do anything she wants with it. But we all get the distinct feeling she's dangling

this "gift" in front of us in hopes of getting attention. And then she doesn't follow through.

Any suggestions on what to say to her? – Strings Attached

DEAR STRINGS ATTACHED: Sigh. Yes, it's her money, she can do anything she wants with it.

She's also 90, and according to you she's slipping mentally. You might as well give her the benefit of any and all doubt and decide she's forgetting, not manipulating. Then, give her all the time and attention you can reasonably manage to give her – whether or not she's dangling a gift just for the attention – because she's 90 and slipping and lonely.

I suppose you also can say, without being an utter ghoul, when she mentions the gift again: "That's so generous of you, Mom. Do you need us to do anything toward that?"

I'm only 54 (and slipping, alas) and sometimes the paperwork phase is enough of a nuisance to keep me from doing something I'd otherwise have done right away.

I should specify: It's not utterly ghoulish to offer this kind of assistance *once*; it's not even 100

percent self-serving. Assuming her intent is genuine and reasons are honest, you'd be helping her accomplish something she would feel good about.

If she doesn't bite on your offer, though, then please, please stop "anxiously awaiting this money." That's an emotional rock in your shoe. Instead, write off the whole idea of ever seeing it, thank her sincerely for the thought every time she mentions it, and give/keep giving her all the time and attention you reasonably can just for the sake of it.

In fact, go all out and assume her longevity means her fortune will eventually be consumed by her care. You will like her, and yourselves, and the outcome, a whole lot better if you put in the time, effort and love while expecting \$0 from her, during her life and upon her death.

Let anything you receive above that figure be a lovely and welcome surprise.

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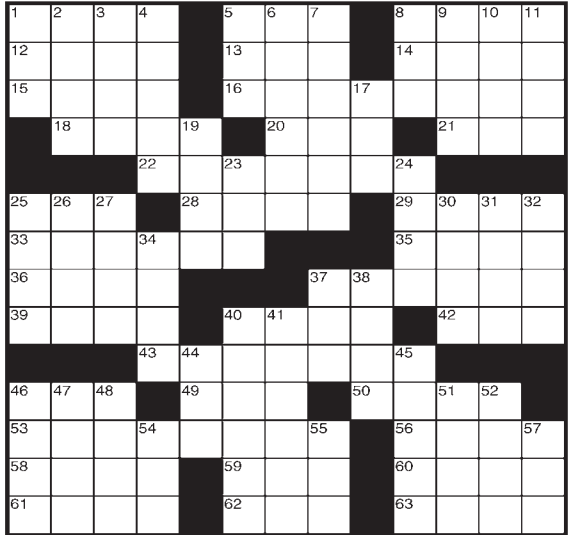


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- 1 Pounce
 - 5 Subzero comment
 - 8 Irritate
 - 12 Fringe —
 - 13 Issa of "Insecure"
 - 14 Name of a thing
 - 15 Toad feature
 - 16 Family tree
 - 18 Movie princess and general
 - 20 Catch some rays
 - 21 Rap sheet letters
 - 22 Sturdy shoes
 - 25 Fruit stone
 - 28 Hasty escapes
 - 29 Trouser turnup
 - 33 Block from view
 - 35 Stare at
 - 36 Distort
 - 37 Bayed
 - 39 Youngster
 - 40 Petri dish contents

- 42 Fabric meas.
- 43 "Carmen" setting
- 46 — Lanka
- 49 Desire
- 50 Mouths, slangily
- 53 Come together
- 56 Firms up
- 58 Church part
- 59 Where fishes play
- 60 QED part
- 61 Allot
- 62 Bungle
- 63 Deep red

- DOWN**
- 1 Prominent feature
 - 2 Russian range
 - 3 Paltry
 - 4 Place for a grill
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 - 6 Rescue price, maybe
 - 7 Happens again
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

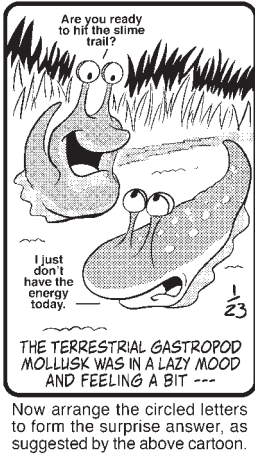
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- SHRUE
- LIEPCS
- NRHGAA

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Print answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WOODY ELOPE SUMMER HEARTH Answer: To people native to Stockholm, the city's houses and apartments are — HOME "SWEDE" HOME

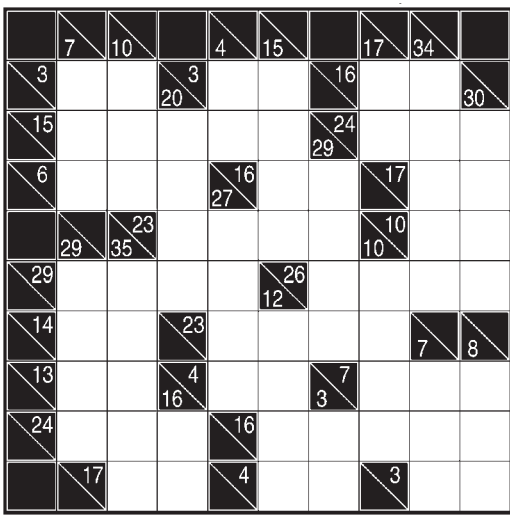


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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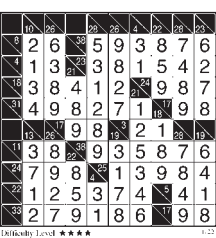
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KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 1/23

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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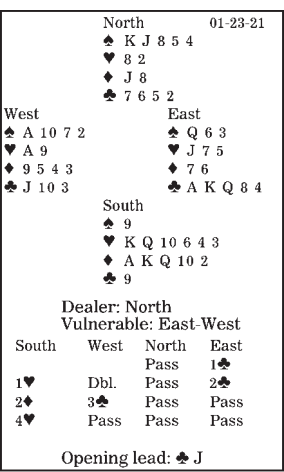
In "Pooh's Little Instruction Book," which was inspired by A.A. Milne, there is this observation: "When late morning rolls around and you're feeling a bit out of sorts, don't worry; you're probably just a little 11 o'clockish."

When you have 11 cards in two suits, you won't feel out of sorts. But do you go softly, softly; or do you drive rapidly to a high level? South had that dilemma in today's deal. What would you have done?

South's actual approach permitted his opponents to describe their hands. West, with two aces facing a partner who had opened, had no inclination to bid five clubs, especially at unfavorable vulnerability. I would have overcalled

two no-trump, the Unusual No-Trump, showing at least 5-5 in the two lowest-ranking unbid suits, and planning on rebidding four hearts over partner's hypothetical three-diamond advance. West would probably have doubled two notrump, but then passed over my four-heart rebid, and East would have had nowhere to go.

Against four hearts, West led the club jack. East overtook with his queen and continued with the club ace. South ruffed and played the heart king. Now West defended poorly, winning with the ace and returning his remaining trump. This pickled East's jack, and declarer claimed soon thereafter. West should not have been



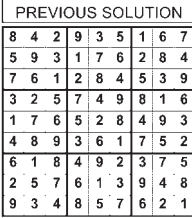
worried about diamond ruffs on the board. True, declarer would probably have made his contract anyway, but a third club from West was indicated. Even better would have been a smooth duck of the heart ace.

SUDOKU



Difficulty Rating: ★★★★★ 1/23

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK



The Cleveland

The Cleveland is a small home with a nostalgic Craftsman flavor. You might assume it has no garage, but it's attached at the rear of the home.

A mere 32 feet wide, this plan is designed to fit on a narrow lot with an alley behind.

The designers have packed an array of popular features into the living space. Family living areas, for instance, flow together from front to back, creating a sense of spaciousness that would be lost if the rooms were individually walled.

Counter and cupboard space is ample in a kitchen that is open to the dining room.

There's a small pantry and a sunny space for plants in front of the sink. An eating bar can double as a buffet for festive meals, and sliding glass doors brighten the dining space.

If the lot is wide enough,

the doors could provide access to a side patio.

Utilities are tucked in a pass-through alcove that connects the garage to the house.

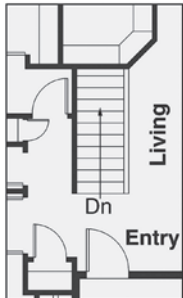
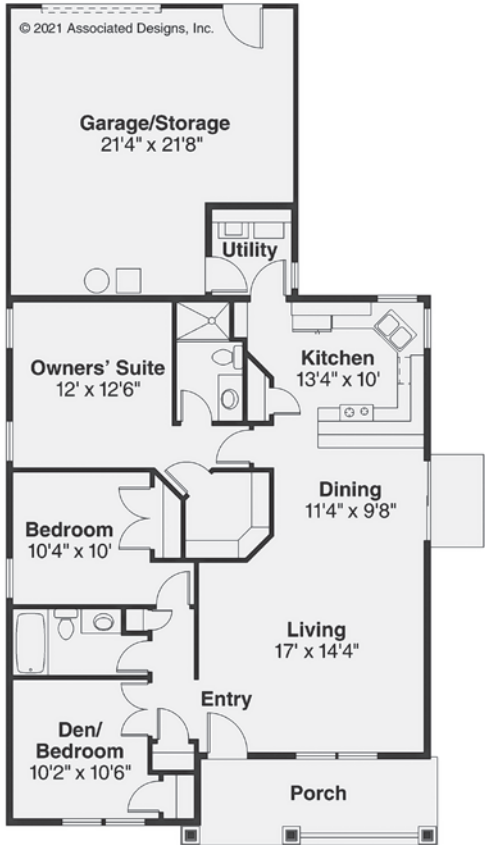
Three bedrooms and two

bathrooms span the left side. The front bedroom could be outfitted as a den or home office. A large skylight brightens the main bathroom.

The owners' suite is small,

but it boasts a roomy walk-in closet and private bathroom.

For more information, or to view other designs, visit www.associateddesigns.com or call 800-634-0123.



More information

House name:
Cleveland 30-105
Living area:
1,242 square feet
Bedrooms:
3
Bathrooms:
2
Garage:
435 square feet
Dimensions:
32-by-63-feet

ASK ANGIE'S LIST

What do I need to know about garage door installation?

By PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Garage doors play an important role in your home. Not only are they a first line of security defense, but they're a critical defining element in your home's look and can save energy.

The average garage door replacement costs between \$600 and \$2,500. Here are tips from industry experts for putting your plans in motion and successfully completing a garage door installation.

Consider curb appeal

Garage doors are one of the most visible and largest features of your house. They have one of the highest returns on investment of any home improvement.

Plus, they're a long-term investment that will define your home for many years. So, consider your choices carefully when installing.

Don't DIY

This isn't the kind of job where you can Google "how to install a garage door" and figure it out in an afternoon. Garage door installation and repair involves a lot of moving parts, specialized tools and carefully calibrated spring tension.

You can very easily cause expensive damage to your door, or even seriously injure yourself if you don't know what you're doing. Leave this one to the professionals.

Pay attention to maintenance

Homeowners should have their garage door maintained at least once every 18 to 24 months, if not once a year, experts say.

You can avoid a lot of problems with basic maintenance. Garage doors and openers involve chains, lifting weight, and many mov-

ing parts. All these elements should be lubricated to add years of life to your door.

Check the photo eyes if you have trouble

One exception to the DIY rule: checking alignment on photoelectric eyes. Most garage doors feature photo eyes as a safety feature, which deactivate the garage door if they sense an object coming through.

They can easily get out of alignment and prevent the door from closing. Pros suggest checking on that first if the door's not closing, but to call a professional for any other problems.

Have an electrical outlet for the opener

You may need to hire a licensed electrician to run an electrical line, but have a dedicated ceiling outlet for the garage door opener.

Don't connect it to an extension cord — that can be a fire hazard and is against building code in many locales.

Don't forget local rules

Whether it's local covenants or municipal laws that call for permits for a garage door, make sure your contractor works under those regulations to avoid unpleasant surprises later.

You don't want to install an expensive door only to find out that your town or homeowner's association covenants don't allow it.

Give your installer room

Installing a garage door takes a considerable amount of space, which pros say they don't always get. Some report that they show up at garages so packed, they can't even get the door open.

Installers should be able to get at least 10 feet into the garage.

Experts say hearing loss could lead to dementia, but Hear Michigan can help Seniors with hearing loss!

Seniors with hearing loss are significantly more likely to develop dementia over time than those who retain their hearing, a February 2011 study by Johns Hopkins and the National Institute on Aging suggests.

"Although the reason for the link between the two conditions is unknown, the investigators suggest that a common pathology may underlie both or that the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia," states a summary of the report on the Johns Hopkins Medicine website. "They also speculate that hearing loss could lead to dementia by making individuals more socially isolated, a known risk factor for dementia and other cognitive disorders."

The scientists reported that whatever is causing the link, their finding may offer a starting point for interventions — such as hearing aids — that could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients' hearing.

Hear Michigan Audiology began over 20 years ago and has grown to 20 facilities, making it one of the largest private, family-owned hearing health-care facilities in the state. With plans to continue to expand, Hear Michigan holds the ideals of serving their customer, and providing the most advanced hearing aids at the best prices, in the highest regard. When you call into one of the locations, you will be greeted by a friendly HUMAN voice who is ready to assist you. "We treat you like you're one of our family" said owner John Ackerman.

The Association of Independent Hearing Healthcare Professionals (AIHHP.org) recommends adults have their hearing checked at regular intervals. They offered the following guidelines, although your hearing care professional may advise you differently depending on your own individual circumstances.

AGE RANGE	HOW OFTEN
18 to 45 years old	Every 5 years
45 to 60 years old	Every 3 years
60 years plus	Every 2 years

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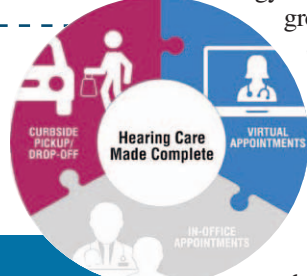
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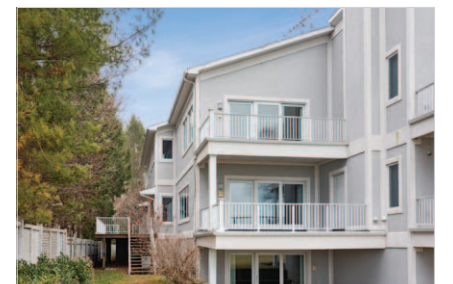
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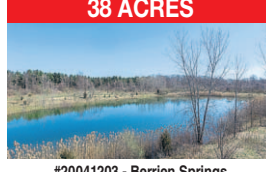
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ADMINISTRATIVE

January 19, 2021
The Michigan City Housing Authority is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director located in Michigan City, Indiana. The new Executive Director will lead a staff of (9) employees and oversee all PHA operations and programs including 171 Public Housing, 308 Housing Choice Voucher, Homeownership, as well as 19 units owned by an affiliated nonprofit.
This position requires experience in the administration of Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher program. Therefore, the ideal candidate should have at least (3) or more years of management experience in public housing, subsidized housing or similar organization and must have working knowledge of fiscal management and capability of working with officials, boards, funding agencies and people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Bachelor degree is required. A PHM is required or must be obtained within 24 months of being hired. A benefit package will be offered. Position is open until filled.
Applications are now being accepted. Please submit resumes with salary history and references to Michigan City Housing Authority Board of Commissioners - Chairman Milton Malone at 621 East Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, Indiana 46360

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candidates for the following position:
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Duties
Supervise finance personnel. Supervisory duties include instructing, assigning, reviewing work of others, monitoring standards; coordinating activities allocating personnel and recommending employee transfers, promotions, and salary increases as appropriate.
Assist in developing, implementing and reviewing goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for Finance Department.
Coordinate all operational activities for accounting, auditing, financial reporting, contracting materials management functions in accordance with Housing policy and procedures.
Plan and schedule and assign task necessary to complete Single Audit Report in accordance with Housing Authority Standards and generally accepted accounting practices.
Develop system of internal controls that effectively documents the procedures and practices necessary for proper internal controls
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Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license. Previous Experience that includes progressively knowledgeable

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Job Posting Date: January 19, 2021
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Job Posting Date:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BERRIEN COUNTY
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA,
Plaintiff,
v
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS OF CORA BELL KEIGLEY AND SYLVESTER KEIGLEY FRIDAY, LAURA KEIGLEY MCCONNELL, LEROY KEIGLEY, WILLIAM O. KEIGLEY, EDITH KEIGLEY CARTER, NELLIE KEIGLEY KNAPP, AND VESTA KEIGLEY SCHOENFELD,
Defendants.
Case No. 21-0004-CHH
Honorable Donna B. Howard
Circuit Court Judge
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
James F. Scales (P40639)
Mika Meyers plc
Attorneys for Plaintiff
900 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 632-8000
At session of said Court held in the County Court-house, City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, on the 13th day of January, 2021.
PRESENT: HON. DONNA B. HOWARD
Circuit Court Judge
TO:
The unknown heirs of Cora Belle Keigley and Sylvester Keigley, Evelyn Keigley Friday, Laura Keigley McConnell, Leroy Keigley, William O. Keigley, Edith Keigley Carter, Nellie Keigley Knapp and Vesta C. Keigley
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
That notice may be given to Defendants in this matter by publication in the manner provided by MCR 2.106 in a newspaper as defined in that rule for Berrien County, namely the Tri-City Record or Herald Palladium. Notice by mailing shall not be required. However, Plaintiff shall post the same notice at the Coloma Township Hall for the duration covered by its publication.
The names of the Court and the parties involved in the action are given in the caption above.
The proceeding includes a Complaint to quiet title by extinguishing the record interest of any unknown heirs in property located on Lake Drive in Coloma Township, and assigned permanent parcel number 11-08-4200-0039-00-1, and legally described as:
The Southwesterly 30 feet of Lot 39, Keigley's Little Paw Paw Lake Resort, located in the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 3 South, Range 17 West, Coloma Township, Berrien County, Michigan (the "Property").
The Complaint seeks an Order quieting title to said Property in the name of the Charter Township of Coloma.
Defendants are notified that the Complaint herein may be answered by filing a copy with the Court at Berrien County Circuit Court, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, with a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the address given above, not later than 28 days after the last of three publications required by this Order. Defendants are notified that failure to file a response within that time shall subject them to entry of a Default Judgment extinguishing any interest they may have in the Property.
(s) Hon. Donna B. Howard
Circuit Court Judge



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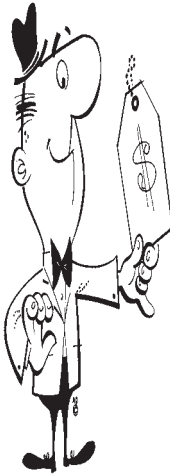
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- 1 Frozen snack
7 Ford failure
12 Promising Hold 'em holding
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21 Slip
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32 Hidden stockpile
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47 Light bulb generator?
48 Calendar pgs.
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57 Source of narrowly focused thinking
61 Slightly drunk
62 Nabisco offering
63 Earth
64 Tokyo, long ago
65 Clickable image
67 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, ___ Bouvier
68 Dennis, e.g.
70 Like vision dimmed from fatigue
72 Total
75 The Arno runs through it
76 Kitchenware brand
78 Man, for example
79 "Hmm ... doubt it"
80 Baffled
83 Virgil's optimistic sentiment
87 One placed near a gutter
89 Surrendered
90 Made one's case
91 Surfer's destination?
92 Small salamander

- 94 Troubles
97 Ways to lose
98 Wrap up
104 Sushi go-with
105 Scents
106 Coagulates
107 Lucrative, contractually
110 Help badly?
113 Dealt with
115 Alberta speed meas.
116 Motley ___
117 Yolk's counterpart
120 Sci-fi creatures who arranged each set of circled letters?
123 Litter, say
124 Spud
125 Frown disdain for
126 Over the moon, so to speak
127 Shorthand pro
128 Emmy-winning "Lou Grant" actress Linda

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- 1 "What concerns me is ..."
2 Eyelashes
3 Hamilton, to Burr
4 Muscle Beach display
5 Feedbag morsel
6 "Now!"
7 Building extension
8 Humor columnist Barry
9 Boston cream pie component
10 Non-acidic vitamin brand
11 Eye lustfully
12 Pan Am rival
13 Rowling's Hedwig and Lewis' Glimfeather
14 Hummus go-with
15 He played James in the four films before Daniel
16 Satellite imaging product
17 Wrath
18 "Tubular!"
20 Pay for
24 NBA part: Abbr.

- 29 "Nineteen Eighty-Four" foe of Winston and Julia
32 Seashore souvenir
33 Bit of a "Beavis and Butt-Head" chuckle
35 Grauman of Chinese Theatre fame
37 Proceeds smoothly
38 Many an op-ed piece
39 Ragú rival
40 "The Mod Squad" role
41 Co. bigwig
42 Ball of yarn, perhaps
43 Yellowstone sight
44 Burning
45 "Chicago" actress
50 Votes for
51 Without a key
53 Website with film profiles

- 54 "The Four Seasons" solo instrument
56 What pewter is, mostly
58 Narrow inlet
59 Breakfast area
60 Broadband predecessor
66 Angler's basket
68 Providing amplification for, as a speaker
69 Crossed (out)
71 Attorney's letters
72 "Thrown" criticism
73 Not rented
74 Chocolatier's array
75 Angel dust, initially
77 New England nickname
79 Bolt on the track
80 Hard pencils to sharpen
81 ___ firma
82 Far from charming

- 84 White and black pawns, e.g.
85 Lyrical
86 Second chances
88 Trawler's tool
93 Court
95 Inc. cousin
96 Grouchy moods
99 Crab in space
100 Progresses with ease
101 "And if I don't?"
102 Last year's frosh
103 Start of a view
107 Bars on necks
108 Sainly glows
109 Short-tempered
111 Outback runners
112 French crown?
114 Welcoming sign
116 Key used in combinations
117 Instagram, e.g.
118 Online outburst
119 Homer's TV neighbor
121 Ranch extension?
122 The Red Baron, to Snoopy

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Take your time, plan your actions and head in a direction that will satisfy you mentally, physically and financially. Say no to anyone asking for too much and yes to those offering equality.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Set your sights on your goals, then proceed. Don't make promises you are going to have trouble honoring. A kind gesture you offer a friend or relative will make a difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Reconnect with an old friend or colleague, and it will provide insight into new possibilities that can improve your earning potential. Do something that's mentally stimulating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you rush into something prematurely, you'll have second thoughts. Excess of any kind will set you back one way or another. Be sensitive to the needs of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Get involved in something that interests you. Do your best to improve your resume or lifestyle. A discussion you have with someone regarding work will give insight into possibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Do what you can to help others, but

don't pay for someone else's mistake. Offer love, support, innovative suggestions and hands-on help, but not your hard-earned cash. Tell a loved one how you feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Ask, and you shall receive. Refuse to let others interfere with your plans. If you follow your heart, opportunities will develop. An optimistic attitude will create a stir.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Work hard, and it will ease your mind and allow you to enjoy time with a loved one late in the day. A change of plans will turn out to be to your advantage. Don't be afraid to make the first move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Get your responsibilities out of the way, and offer to help a friend or relative. What you do for others will be appreciated and will encourage better relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Emotions will surface when you are interacting with old friends and relatives. Take action, and do your best to make things happen. Your input will be appreciated. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Change the way you handle money. Put a budget in place, and consider investments that will keep you from overspending. The less available cash you have on hand, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Revisit the past, and you'll avoid making the same mistake twice. Look over your options, and don't feel pressured to make decisions if uncertainty prevails. Take an unusual approach.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Home is where the heart is and where you will accomplish the most this year. Don't procrastinate. Use your imagination, draw on the lessons of the past to ensure that you have covered every angle, and pursue your dreams, hopes and wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Look at the possibilities; you will find a way to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Your insight into what's going on around you will help you pick up on valuable trends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Focus on your health, wealth and personal happiness. Refuse to give anyone the upper hand. Make decisions that will protect you against loss or manipulation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If you look for an opportunity, you will find one. Take the initiative if you want to reap the rewards. Don't wait for someone to take control or beat you across the finish line. Make things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll need to turn on the charm if you want to convince others to do things your way. Don't jump to conclusions or make a move for the wrong reason. Be mindful of others at all times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Valuable information will become available. Verify what you hear, and take action. Speak up about how you feel, and make arrangements with someone who can contribute to your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Be honest with yourself. Get the

facts, and make responsible decisions. You have good ideas, but if you let your emotions take charge, you will likely get in over your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Spend time with people who have something to offer. The support, suggestions and love you receive will encourage you to follow your dreams. It's time to make your own opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Listen to complaints and criticism. Consider what you can do to improve your life and your relationships with the people who matter to you. Put emotional differences aside, and make romance a priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Figure out what you want and the best way to achieve your goal. Consider what it will cost to make the adjustments that will improve your life. Lowering your expenses will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
It's best not to let anyone know your plans until you have all the details in place. Don't get angry about something you cannot change. Give others the freedom to do as they please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Let your intelligence lead the way. Look for the truth, and keep your emotions out of prickly situations. Be mindful of others' beliefs and feelings, and listen to what people say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Use your imagination, but don't be foolish. You may desire change, but if you haven't done the groundwork, you may want to take a step back and review what could be required.



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Answer To Today's Puzzle

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MSRP	\$43,605
ADD FOR WESTERN SNOWPLOW	+ 6,435
SUBTOTAL	\$50,040
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 2,310
ON THE JOB SNOW PLOW UPFIT*	- 1,000
RAM HD ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
RAM BONUS CASH COUPON	- 250
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$45,980
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$44,980

(*MUST QUALIFY)



2021 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4 WILLYS WHEELER

BRIGHT WHITE, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, REMOTE START, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, HEATED FRONT SEATS, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C21056

MSRP	\$47,190
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,695
BONUS CASH	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$43,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$43,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)



2021 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE 4X4

GRANITE CRYSTAL, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SUNROOF, AND MUCH MORE! C21004

MSRP	\$32,325
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 830
REBATE	- 3,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
GREAT LAKES BONUS CASH	- 250
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$26,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$25,995

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)



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MSRP	\$49,685
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,440
REBATE	- 2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$43,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$42,495

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2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, LEATHER SEATS, 3.2 V6 ENGINE, POWER SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, 19 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HIGH ALTITUDE PACKAGE, POWER LIFT GATE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20308

MSRP	\$39,930
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,435
REBATE	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$33,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$32,995

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)



2020 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4

BLACK, ALTITUDE PACKAGE, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, 17 INCH GLOSS BLACK WHEELS, AND MUCH MORE! C20313

MSRP	\$28,630
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 635
REBATE	- 3,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$23,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$22,745

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2020 RAM 4500 CREW CAB 4X4 DUMP TRUCK DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.7 CUMMINS TURBO DIESEL, AISIN HD AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, READING MARAUDER DUMP BODY WITH DROP SIDES, AND MUCH MORE! C20299

MSRP	\$59,015
ADD FOR DUMP BODY	+12,632
SUBTOTAL	\$71,647
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 4,692
REBATE	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$65,205
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS \$64,205

(*MUST QUALIFY)



2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, POWER SEAT, ALTITUDE PACKAGE, SATELLITE RADIO, 18 INCH GLOSS BLACK WHEELS, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, PARKSENSE REAR PARK ASSIST, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20271

MSRP	\$31,785
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,290
REBATE	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	\$25,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

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Was \$20,607 NOW \$19,987



2018 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touch Screen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite, C21052A

NOW \$38,470



2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver, C20123A

Was \$25,930 NOW \$25,434



2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EFI Engine, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 25K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Race Red, F21042A

Was \$38,995 NOW \$37,917



2013 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

2.0 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 143K Miles, Remote Start, SEL Technology Package, SYNC, Memory Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Dual Climate Control, Rear Park Aid, Power Lift Gate, Car Smart Checked! Ginger Ale, U20213A

NOW \$9,844



2018 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 REGULAR CAB 4X2

4.3 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Styled Steel Wheels, 51K Miles, Security Cover, Running Boards, Rear Step Bumper, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Race Red, C21068A

NOW \$20,912



2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red, C20223A

Was \$28,783 NOW \$26,963



2019 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 12K Miles! Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seats, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, C21018A

NOW \$21,793



2013 FORD EDGE SE

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 91K Miles, SYNC, CD-Player, Power Windows and Doors, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Tuxedo Black, F21006A

Was \$11,587 NOW \$9,943



2015 INFINITI QX70 AWD

3.7 EFI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Liquid Platinum, C20109A

Was \$23,997 NOW \$21,318



2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING I PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Side Slide Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Reverse Park Assist with Stop, Lane Keep Assist, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Granite, F20104A

Was \$23,927 NOW \$21,673



2015 CHRYSLER 200 S

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Velvet Red, F20460A

NOW \$13,733



2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 5K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, C20346A

Was \$54,990 NOW \$49,980



2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Side Slide Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tussock White, C20121A

Was \$26,811 NOW \$21,705



2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, U20210

Was \$33,987 NOW \$31,704



2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, 360 Degree Camera, Pre-Collision Assist, Blind Spot Monitor with Trailer View Monitor, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, C21015A

Was \$47,373 NOW \$44,832



2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Wheels, 30K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Pre-Down Gray Metallic, C21030A

Was \$34,312 NOW \$31,442



2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 15K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, U20143A

Was \$40,498 NOW \$37,852



2017 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Kona Blue, M2006A

Was \$13,995 NOW \$12,995



2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C21008A

Was \$30,663 NOW \$26,901



2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, U20206

Was \$32,679 NOW \$29,895



2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20316A

Was \$39,995 NOW \$36,978



2015 DODGE JOURNEY CROSSROAD

2.4 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 67K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Trimmed Seating, Three Zone Temp Control, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Vice White, F20334A

Was \$13,904 NOW \$11,408



2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Touch Screen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Summit White, U20218

NOW \$19,995



2017 KIA SORENTO LX AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 54K Miles, Cloth Leather Trimmed Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Snow White Pearl, Car Smart Checked! F2046A

Was \$18,980 NOW \$17,307



2017 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White, U20220

NOW \$20,913



2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Side Slide Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle, S20013

Was \$20,500 NOW \$18,995



2018 BUICK REGAL SPORTBACK ESSENCE

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Quicksilver Metallic, C20202A

Was \$20,989 NOW \$19,959



2004 MAZDA TRIBUTE ES 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 166K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Glacier Silver, M20010A

NOW \$4,180



2018 HONDA FIT EX HATCHBACK, GRAY

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 44K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, F20375A

Was \$16,537 NOW \$13,965



2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Side Slide Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

Was \$20,995 NOW \$19,995



2020 MAZDA CX-30 SELECT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 2,000 Miles! Leather Seating, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! Soul Red Crystal, S20017

NOW \$23,500



2016 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.8 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans, F20436A

Was \$34,552 NOW \$31,789



2016 RAM 2500 LARAMIE DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4

6.7 Cummins Turbo Diesel, EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White, C21070A

NOW \$46,999



2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machine Face Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power-Fold Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, 180 Degree Front Camera, Lane Keeping System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! White Platinum, F20431A

Was \$33,821 NOW \$30,814



2018 MAZDA CX-3 GRAND TOURING AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Information System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, C20076A

Was \$20,271 NOW \$19,832



2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Information System, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Brilliant Black, C21079A

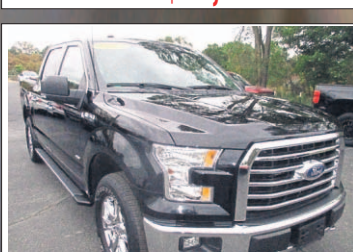
Was \$27,999 NOW \$24,431



2015 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C21036A

Was \$40,827 NOW \$37,914



2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 56K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20162A

Was \$36,625 NOW \$32,918



2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 54K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C21079A

NOW \$26,897

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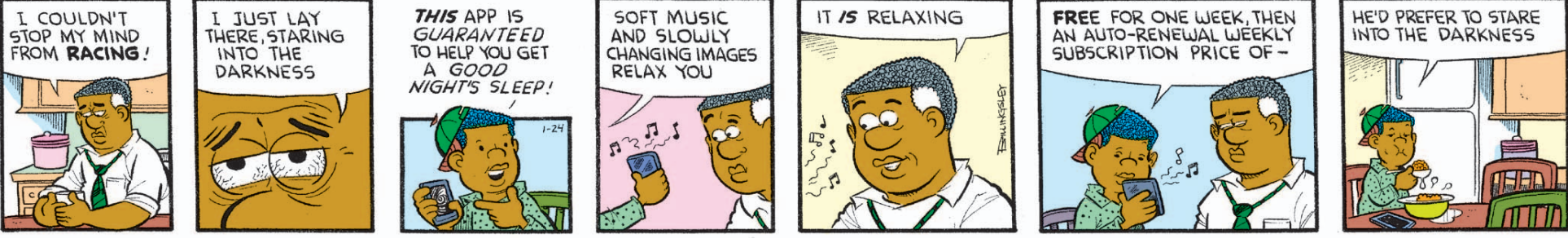
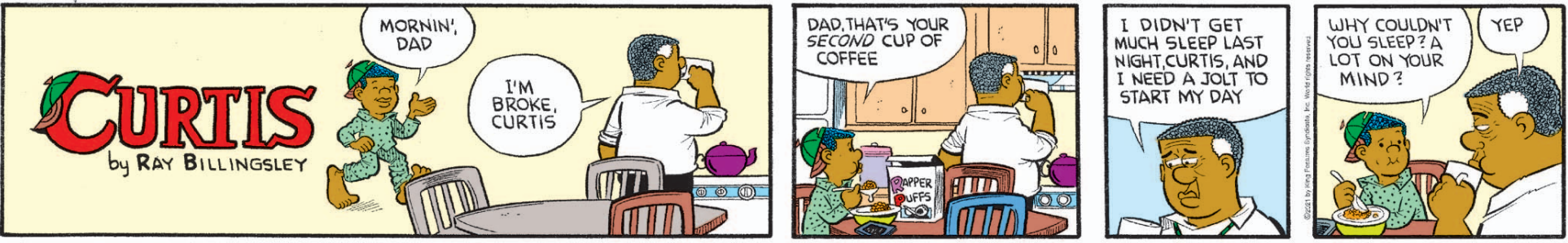
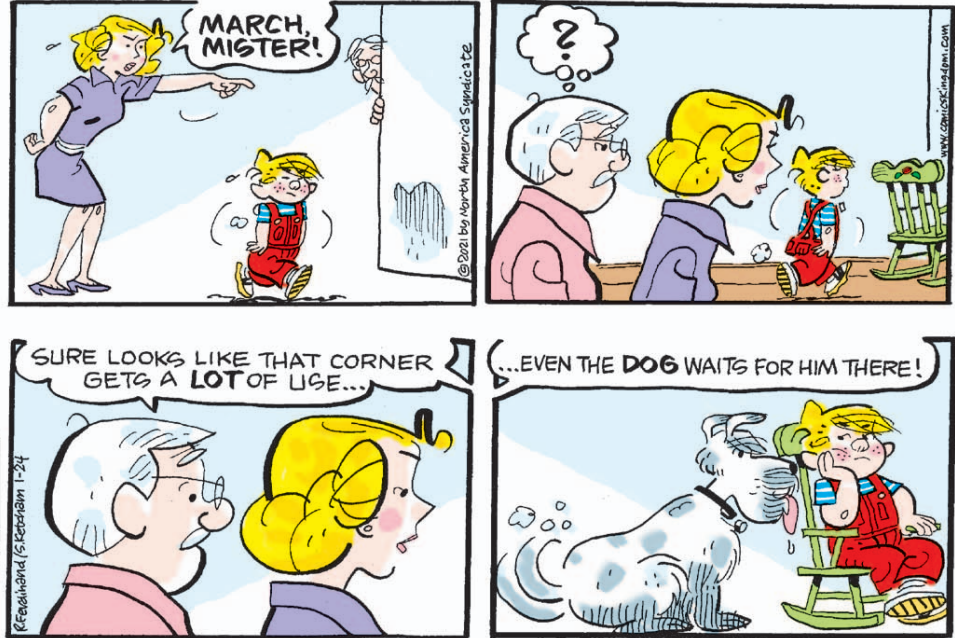
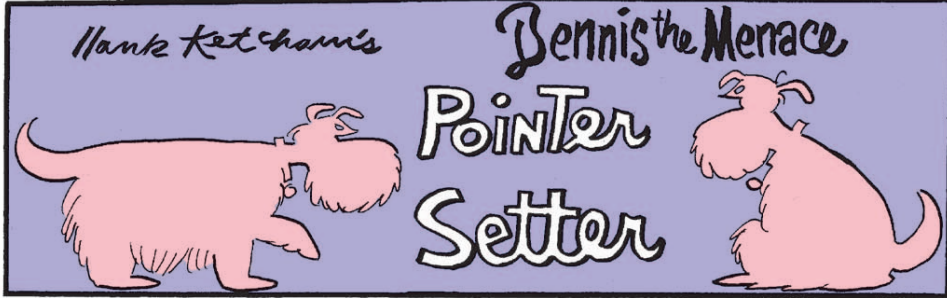
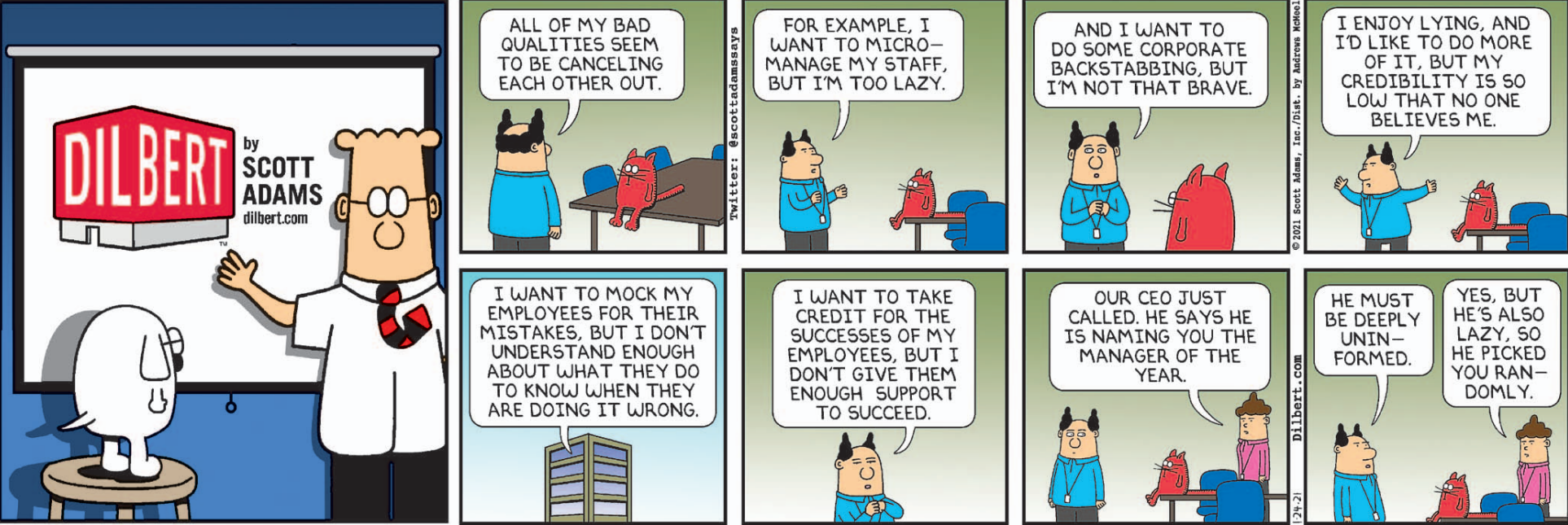
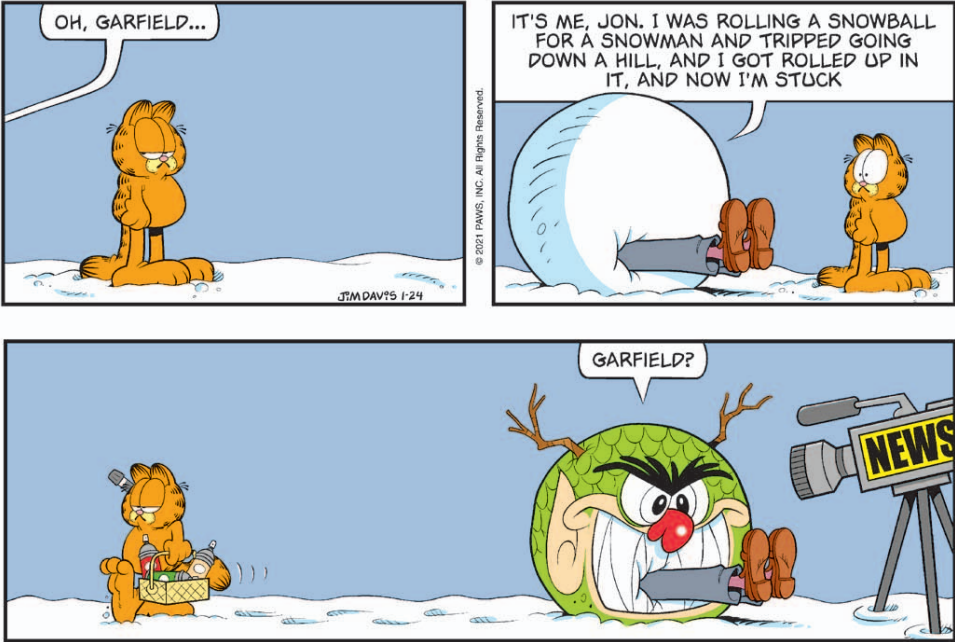
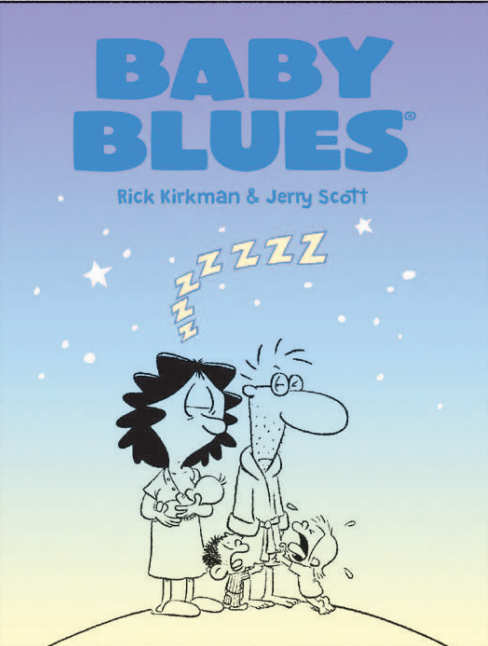
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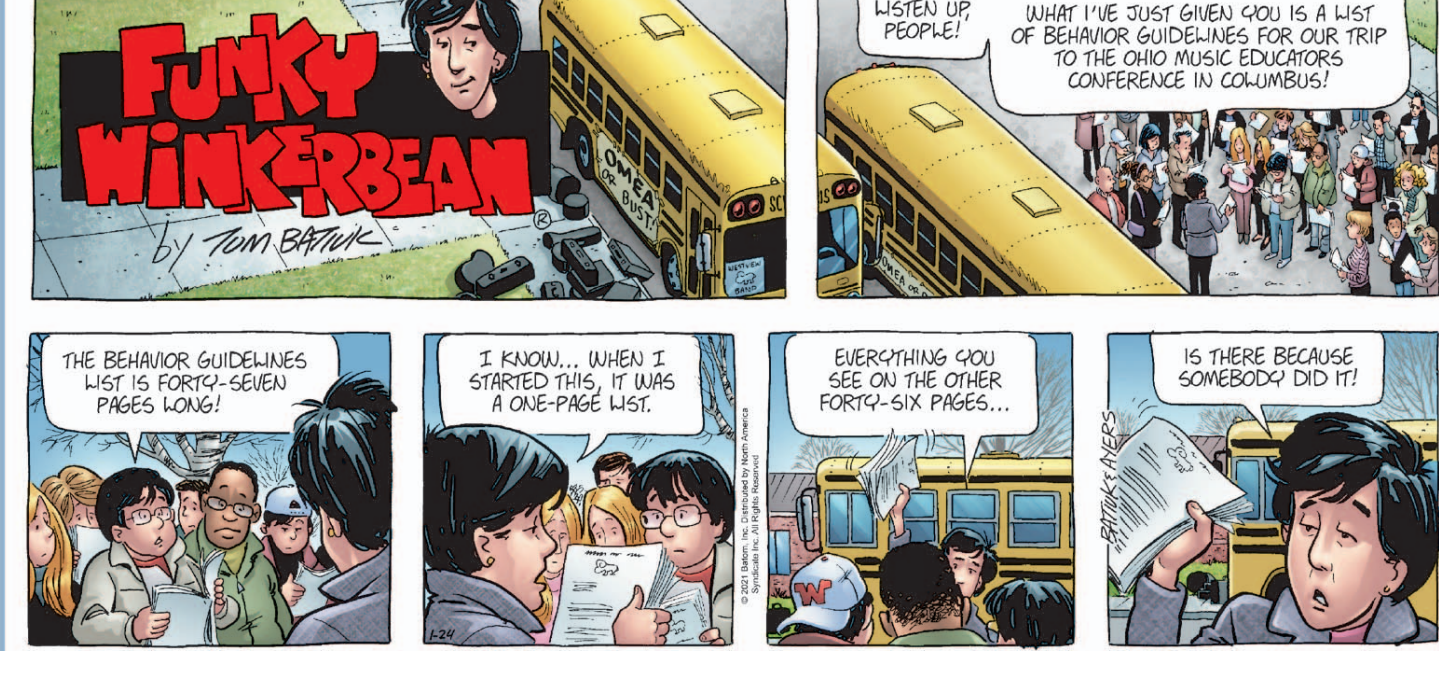
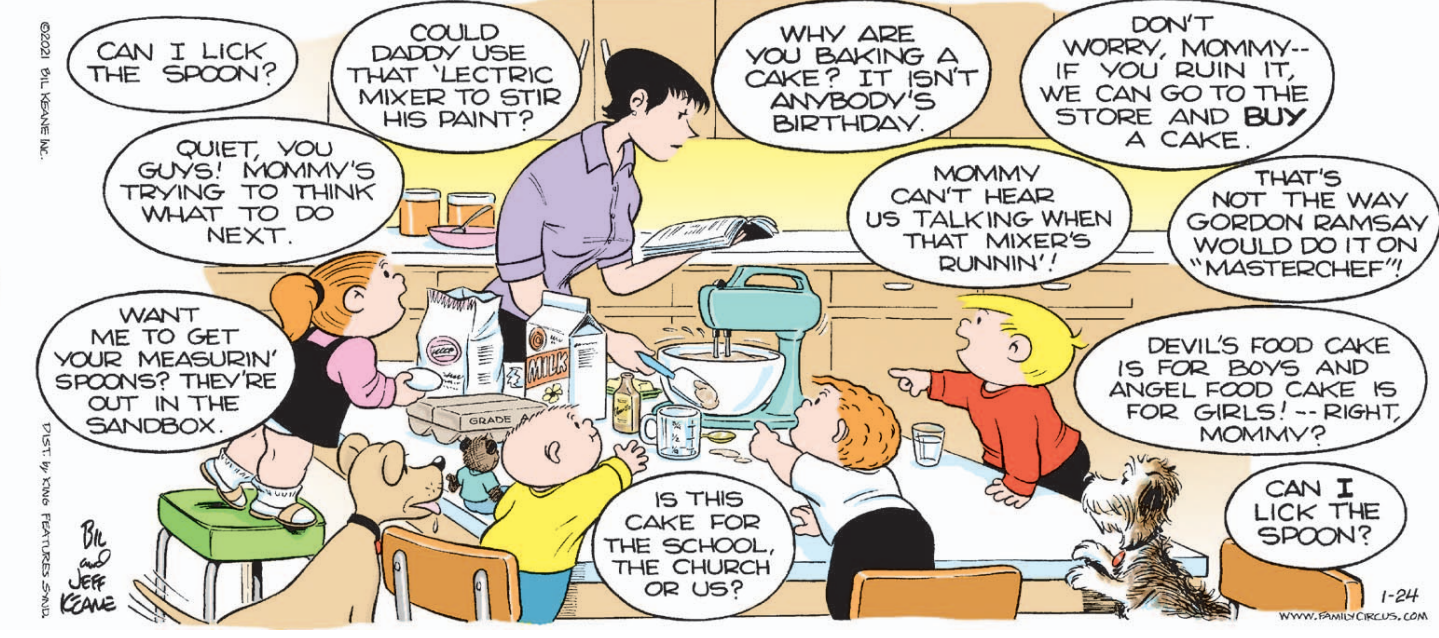
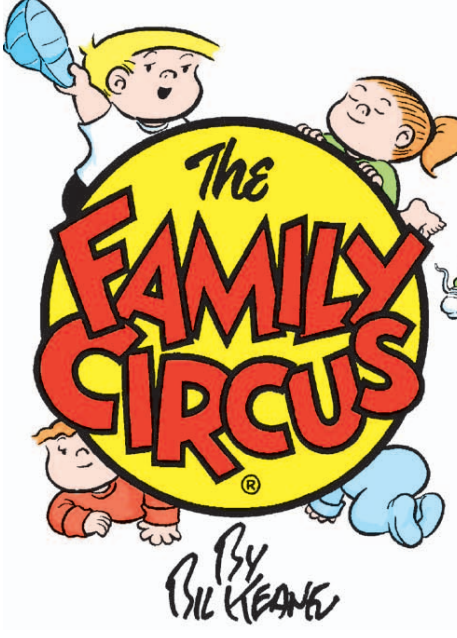
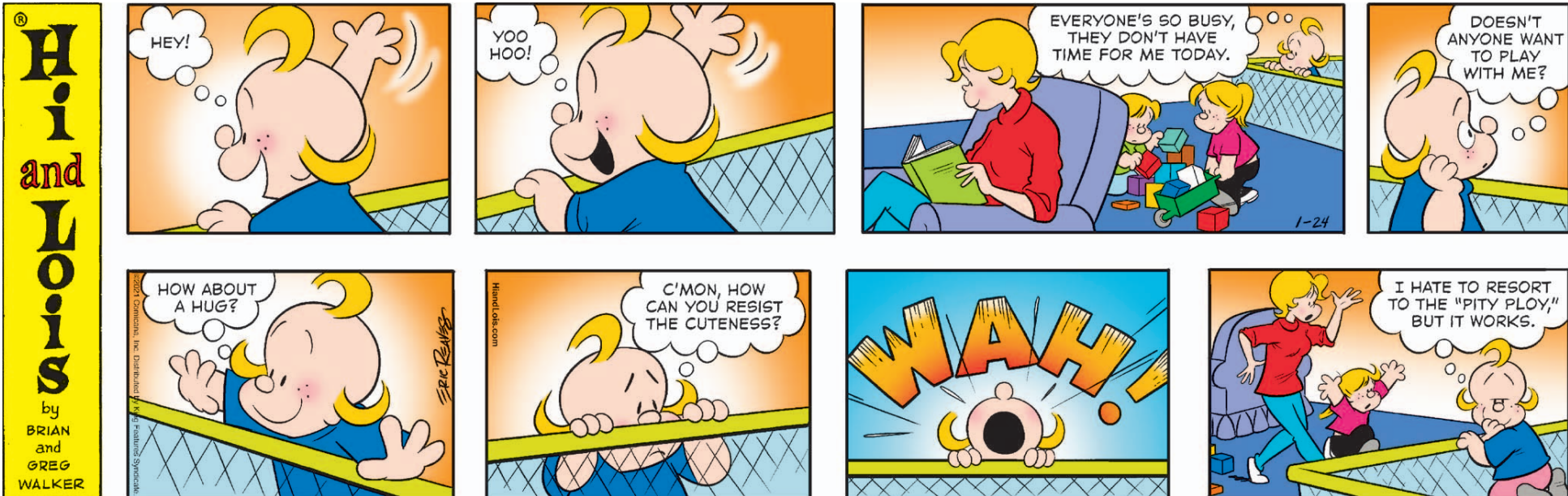
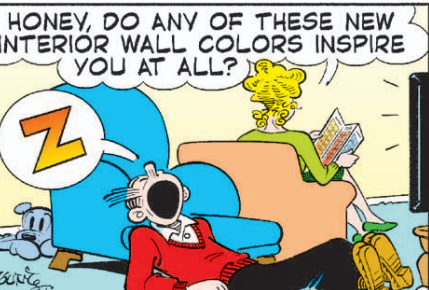
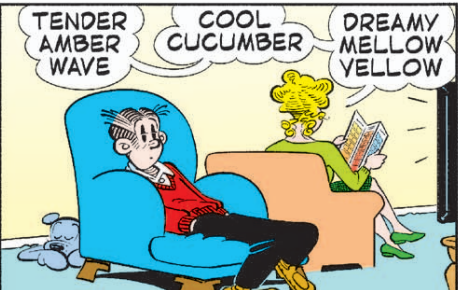
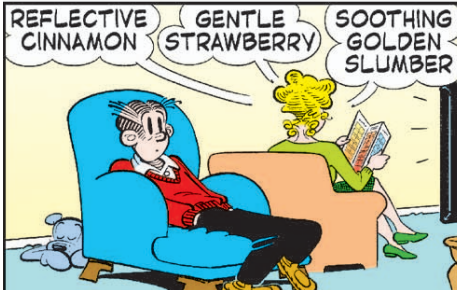
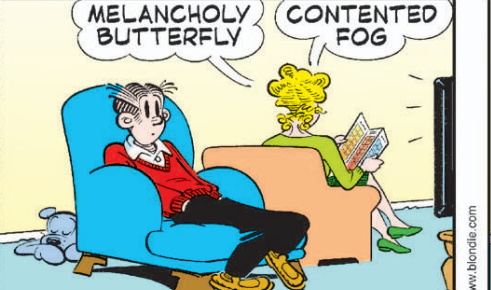
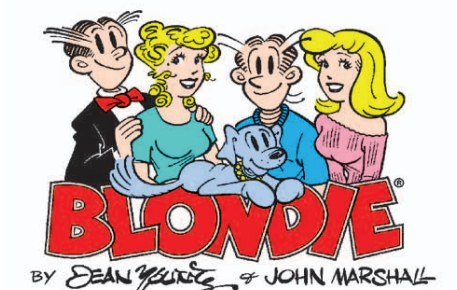
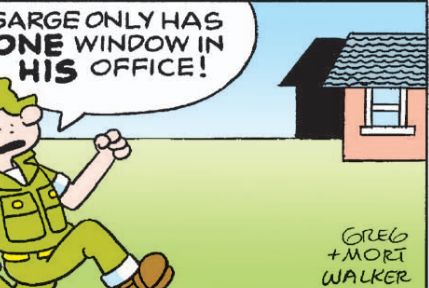
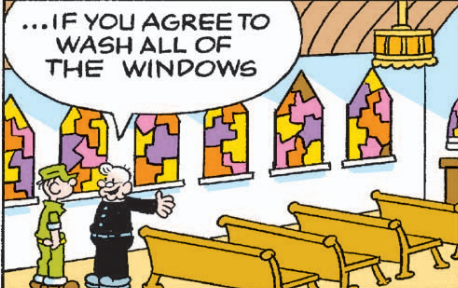
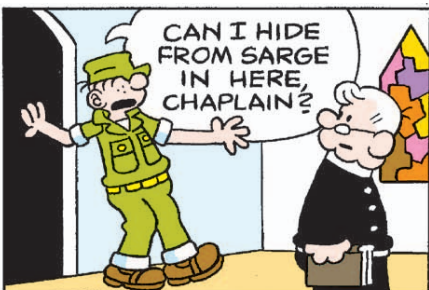
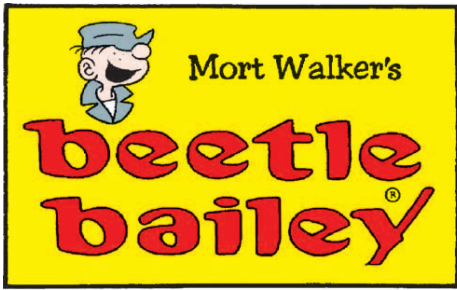


Weekend Comics



JAN. 23-24, 2021





HAGAR

the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

I HEARD THE KING IS GETTING A HAIRCUT TODAY!

SO WHAT?

WE SHOULD DROP BY AND MAKE SURE HE GETS A CLOSE SHAVE!

WATCH OUT, HAGAR!

GRR!

HA! DO I LOOK SCARED?

NO, BUT YOU DO LOOK SCARY!

WHAM

ROYAL BARBER SHOP

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE... WHENEVER YOU DO SOMETHING I ASK YOU TO DO."

"MY MISTAKE WAS SAYING 'I DO' INSTEAD OF 'SHOW ME THE MONEY.'"

"GREEN EGGS AND HAM? HE MUST HAVE A REFRIGERATOR LIKE MINE."

"AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHECK MY WIFE'S LICENSE TOO? SHE WAS DOING MOST OF THE DRIVING."

"LORETTA KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT AGEISM... LIEISM."

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

IT'S QUIET.

TOO QUIET.

SLAM!

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

SLAM!

THIS IS THE WORST DAY EVER!!!

THIS CAN'T BE THE WORST DAY EVER.

ONE OF US IS GOING UP THERE, TED.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

I'M GOING DOWN TO THE HARDWARE STORE... WANNA COME?

WHY? TO SEE THE LATEST IN SCREEN DOOR TECHNOLOGY?

OR MAYBE THERE'S A PLAYWOOD SHOW.

(GASP!) I BET THE 2021 HAMMERS ARE IN!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

PASS.

SUIT YOURSELF.

SINCE YOUR DAD IS BUSY, YOU'RE HELPING ME VACUUM THE DRAPES.

OOH... HE'S GOOD?

FORT KNOX

by Paul Jon

WHAT'S KURT THE BULLY DOING OUTSIDE??

I WROTE HIM A NASTY LETTER.

WHAT DID IT SAY?

THAT HE'S A MONSTER WHO PREYS ON THE WEAK AND DESERVES PAYBACK.

WELL, HE DID LOOK PRETTY ANGRY.

YES, HE'S FURIOUS.

DO YOU THINK HE'S HERE TO GET REVENGE ON YOU??

NOT AT ALL.

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY YOU.

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

SNOW!

I LOVE MY WORK!

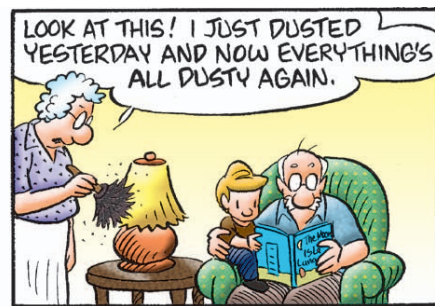
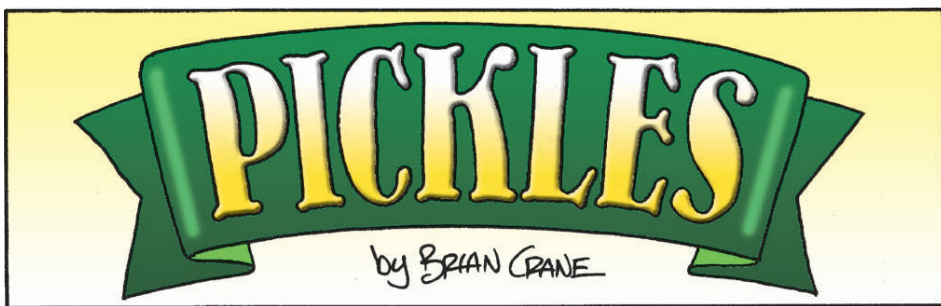
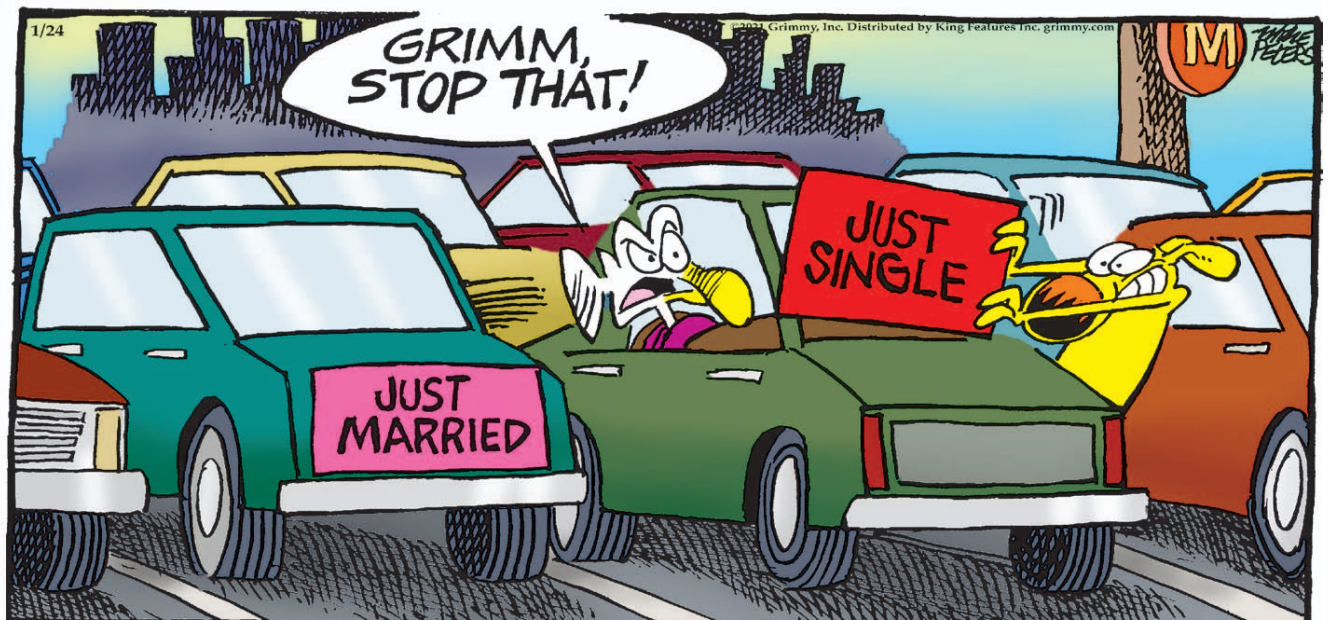
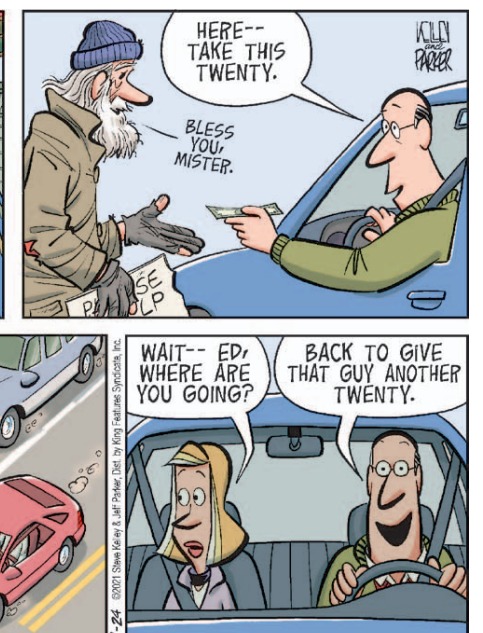
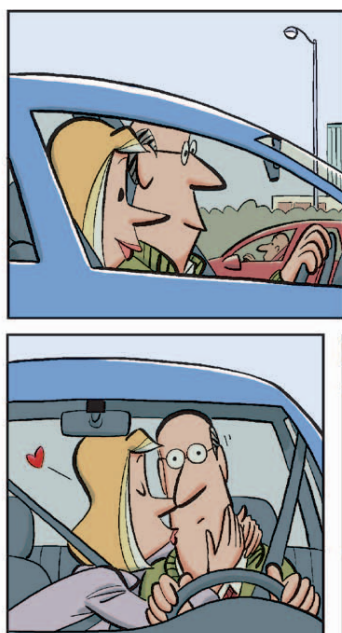
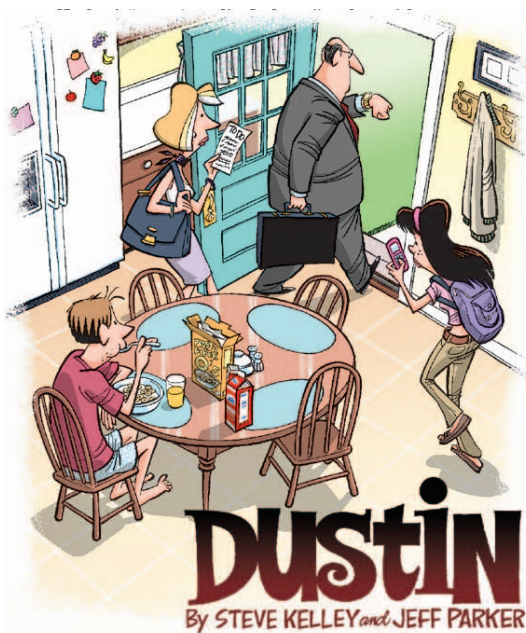
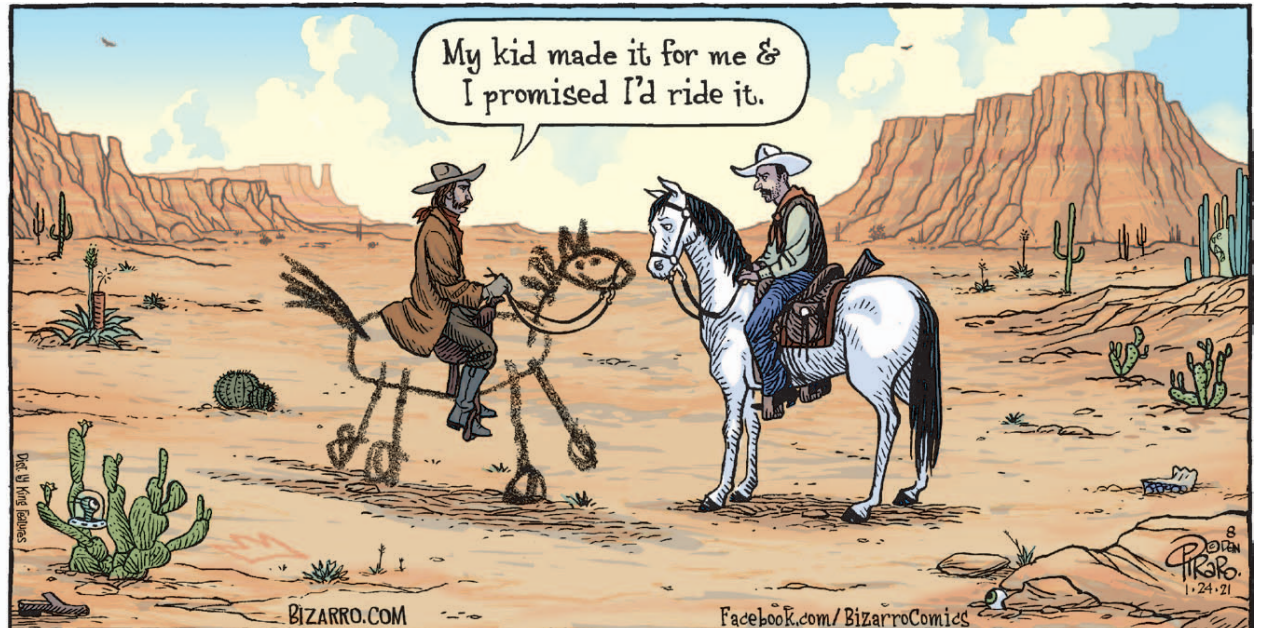
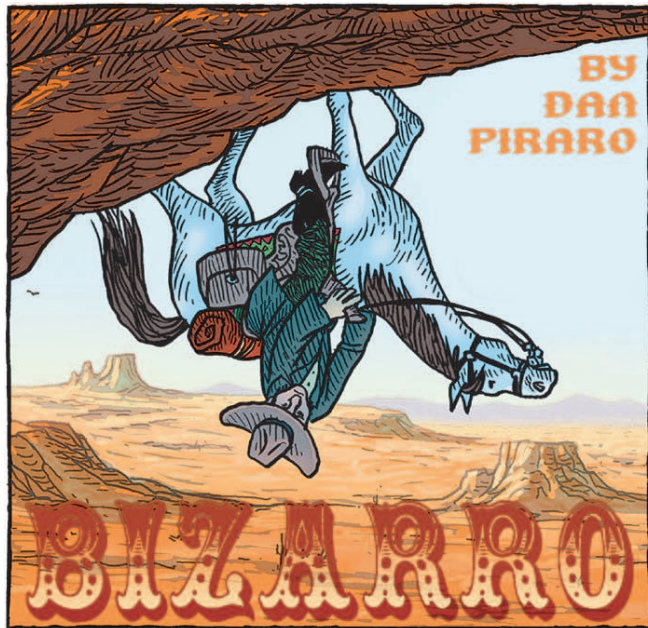
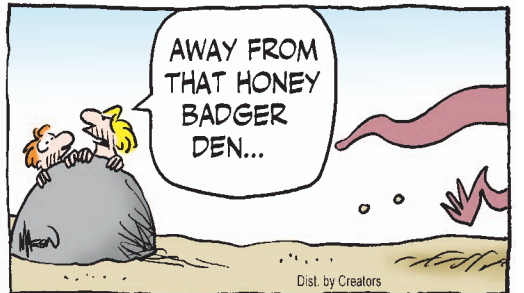
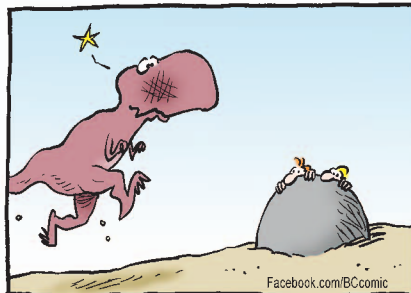
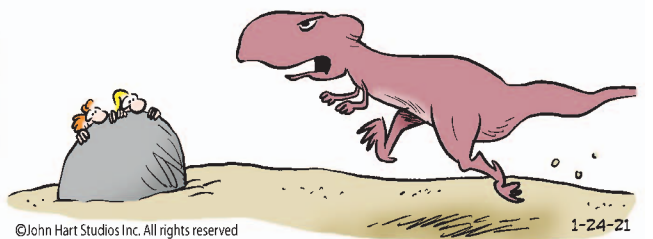
WIZARD!!

FUMP FUMP



I BET A T. REX CAN
KICK YOUR BUTT, DAD.

OH, YEAH? LET'S SEE
ONE DO A PUSHUP.



The Forest Museum was robbed this evening. The security guard claims he saw Cassandra Cat, carrying a metal briefcase, flee through a window. Cassandra insists she's innocent and claims she's been in her warm, cozy home all night. Why does a wet metal suitcase in the room lead Slylock Fox to suspect the cat had been out, even though this bitterly cold night is dry?



HOW TO DRAW a pirate

Bob Weber Jr. and SR 1-24

YOUR DRAWING
Today's terrific
artist is Jesse,
age 12

Submit your
black-and-white drawing
to www.slylockfox.com

A group of beavers
is called a ...
a) Batch
b) Colony
c) Bevy
d) Mob
Answer -- b)

